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The Mecca of the American People—Washington's Dual Character—Luxury and Ease of Tropic Climes—A Cosmopolitan Population—Cream of the Afro American Race—Where Extremes Meet—Some Striking Silhouettes of the Variegated Species of Humanity Which Move the Currents of Society—Do you Recognize Them?—The Saving Remnant.

BY RICHARD W. THOMPSON

[PART 1 CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

The next picture thrown upon the canvas is THE OFFICE SEEKER Like the poor, he is with us always. We have come to know him well. This individual comes on to Washington, radiant in smiles, dressed in his best Sunday-go to-meetings, with his pockets fairly bulging out with petitions, letters of endorsement and newspaper clippings. He has a "lead pipe cinch" on a "good thing," and he doesn't care who knows it. He is here to "push it along." He gets himself interviewed by the dailies, hunts up the associated press man, and has it telegraphed far and wide that the "so-and-so-mission" is settled, and that his nomination is only a matter of a few hours or days, at most. On Saturday, his beaming countenance adorns the front page of the colored illustrated weekly, accompanied by a "whooper-er up" sketch, at so much per whoop. He stands treat frequently and miscellaneously; discusses choice viands at the court house cafe, rides about in a cab, and—well money is no object, for very soon he will be signing his name on Uncle Sam's pay-roll opposite a sum reaching several notches up into the four figures. See? Two months later no one would recognize in a dusty, tired-looking, anxious-eyed pedestrian, the debonair, sure-thing candidate of but sixty days ago. Waiting day after day for "something definite," his funds running lower and lower, forced to go from cheaper to cheaper lodgings, finally boarding at a lunch-counter, walking long distances to save street car fare, rated a nuisance and turned down repeatedly by courteous messengers who convey the chilling information that "Secretary or Mr. Blank is not in," he is ready to give up the struggle in disgust. Broken in spirit and humiliated beyond expression, he then humbly begs some influential congressman or other official to stow him into a little clerkship, messengership, laborer's job or anything to keep him from going home in disgrace. This the congressman frequently does, out of sheer pity. It is so old a story in Washington that it has lost its novelty, and even its terrible pathos has long ceased to excite emotion.

Following in the wake of the office-seeker is THE "OFFICE-BROKER," another specimen indigenous to Washington climate, although he is found in limited numbers in nearly every city, where there is any considerable amount of patronage to bestow. The place broker is an individual of more or less political influence, slangily denominated a "pull," with the appointing powers. His stock in trade is chiefly a glib tongue, unlimited gall, a genial, confidence-inspiring manner and an elastic countenance. His method is to represent to some high official that the race is not properly recognized in his department, and give assurance that he has in mind the very person who would fill the requirement, being both ready and deserving, and whose appointment would not only add luster to the administration, but please a large proportion of the Negro race, thereby increasing the personal popularity and political availability of the official appealed to. Oh, the office-broker is a tickler of vanity, a word-painter, an accomplished "jollier!" The secretary or chief perhaps agrees to give two places to persons to be named by this leader, provided they seem to be satisfactory in appearance. The oily individual then sallies forth, and by a shrewd system of sounding among his mental list of eligibles, he finds out what persons will enter into the most profitable dicker for the places. He has no fixed price, but gets all he can, consistent with the anticipated salary. He usually exacts at least half down, and takes the remainder in stated installments, the agreement being drawn up in the form of a promissory note, to pay certain sums "for services rendered," or "for value received." These fellows are "sly dogs," and rarely get caught. They are mostly in evidence during the early months of a new administration, when changes are frequent and the "pie-counter" looks most tempting.

WAITING FOR DEAD MEN'S SHOES.

Still another numerous class is that commonly known as "exes"—persons who have lost their places through the fluctuations of politics or whose 'influence" has gone down in the wreck of an adverse election. They go out regularly with the defeat of their party, and with all the fortitude of

"Patience on a monument,
Smiling at grief,"

they job around uncomplainingly, living on their wits in the most approved hand-to-mouth fashion, "waiting for the administration to change." Philosophers these—veritable Bohemians—who are talented in a way, and can do a number of things exceedingly well, but whose sterling abilities have been warped out of more practical channels by the elusive, will-o'-the-wisp of politics, success and failure are alike treated with indifference. Who will say, however, that the man is not wise who has learned to take "Fortune's buffets and Fortune's rewards with equal thanks?"

THE PROFESSIONAL ORATOR.

Now, then, we have the "professional orator." Without him Washington life would be a barren ideality, a desert waste, a song without a tune, a bud that had lost its sweetest savor! But for him who would make the eagle scream, and cause our souls to soar into ethereal realms? He shows up particularly strong in the race's most trying crisis, and never fails to rescue our struggling people, (theoretically) from the meshes of woo and anguish, into which untoward circumstances frequently plunge us. The indignation meeting, the emancipation celebration, anniversaries of secret orders, memorial services, and the perennial literary, are the occasions upon which he shines with unsullied brillance. These, to use a printer's phrase, are the "fattest kind of takes" for him. His terrific oratory sways the passions of the populace at will, and whatever trophies silver-tongued periods and Niagara-like torrents of rhetoric can capture, he dangles at his belt in tropical profusion. He can TALK—aye with the dulcet tones of a siren, with the persuasive sweetness of a Delilah—but no one ever accuses him of doing anything more. Nevertheless, we prize him above rubies, and would be lonely and insecure were he to ruthlessly leave us to our fate. To the rabble, the incense of fragrant flowers, perhaps, has no practical utility, but who would be without them?

SHADES OF ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME!

There are the students—God bless these dear young men! They are studying everything imaginable and beneath their waist-coats beats the quick, cheerful inspiration of a glorious future, when the waiting world shall bow down before their majestic intellectual stature, and hail them as another Moses come to lead the heaven-laden unto a Promised Land. Oh, rose-colored dreams of youth! The days when we all nursed these delightful phantoms and listened so proudly to the glowing predictions of fond admirers, were the sweetest of all. They come but once. Rough contact with a prosy, unfeeling world soon works sad havoc, where did dwell rapturous anticipations. The velvet down upon the peach does not long survive the huckster's rugged grasp. Let the college lads dream on! Their bright fancies are to jaded humanity as the perfume of the meadow—the trickling music of the brooklet. We would not be without them!

THE "BREEZY NEW-COMER" is another species that enjoys a sporadic existence. He usually hails from the North, East or West—rarely from the South—and has long been the ONE MAN in his little home town—has run the place, so to speak. He has been conspicuous in the church, the lodge, in politics, etc., and looked upon as an oracle by the smaller fry of his bailiwick. He comes here inflated with the notion that a government clerkship is an office of vast importance. He is a big man—to let him tell it, and he has an idea that Washington will fall all over itself trying to get into his good graces, just as soon as the fact becomes noised about that he has struck the town. He confidently expects to be invited front at the various gatherings, and be urged frequently to address the literaries and Sunday schools. When he finds, after a time, that very few, outside of his own little clique, ever heard of him, and still fewer care to cultivate his acquaintance, or pay any attention to him, and makes the startling discovery that his advent here made absolutely no difference in the way things were conducted, he meekly subsides and learns some sense. The swift, breezy gent, who flits from place to place, living upon his magnificent nerve, doesn't last long in Washington.

HURRAH FOR THE NEW WOMAN!

And then—don't let me forget her—there is the New Woman with a capital N and capital W. The fin de siecle up-to-date, 20th century woman is here, beautifully in evidence. We rather like her. She is decidedly interesting, and as refreshing as a sea-breeze. Although loving feathers and finery, sweetmeats and flattery, and indulges in harmless fibs about the size of her shoes and gloves, and refrains religiously from discussing the little delicate matter of age—just the same as the Old Woman—she is a most welcome innovation—a kind of an oasis in our dessert of commonplaceness. This new exotic has views, an article heretofore regarded as the exclusive property of the masculine sex. She isn't at all backward about expressing them, and phrenologists testify that her bump of language shows extraordinrry development. That is probably the reason why they dress their hair so high—to disguise its undue prominence. Many of her want to vote, and very properly resent the indignity of being placed with convicts, lunatics and minors in the restricted class. However, the New Woman—don't forget the capitals—is taking an active part in the practical solution of public problems. She is unhampered by conventional methods, party tradition and regardless of precedents, and is thus able to battle bravely and oftimes more successfully for the good of humanity than her sterner contemporaries. Her resources are apparently inexhaustible and her energies unflagging. She can reform the school system, solve the problem of clean streets, deliver a speech that would put to rout the most expert stenographer, discuss silver, tariff, the diplomatic situation, or the prevailing fashion with equal ease and fluency, manage the cook, sing at musicales, meet six different leagues, take part in fairs and teas for religion or charity, keep a lover or husband straight, and still have ample leisure to analyze the intricate philosophy of the "Heavenly Twins," to weep with "Marcella," and puzzle through the winding paths of "Trilby." This New Woman doesn't wear big hats to the theatre, doesn't whisper in church, refrains from whispering scandal, and knows her own affairs better than she does her neighbor's. She is indeed a divine creation, and best of all, she acts as if she had come to stay. We reverentially doff our chapeau!

STILL, THERE ARE OTHERS.

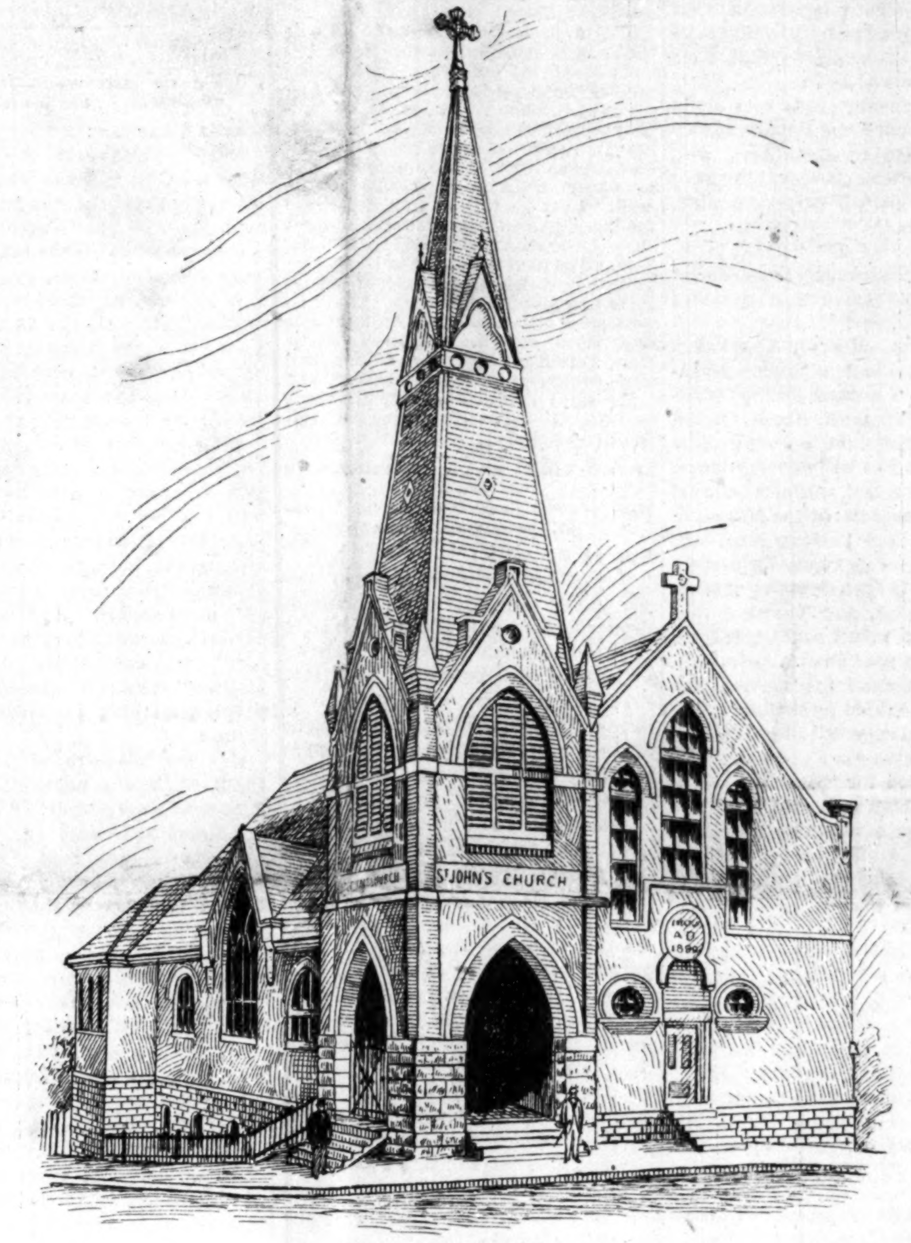
To attempt a classification of all would be to write a treatise on ethnology, authropology, and perhaps two or three other "ologies." So running through the gauntlet of the many callings, including bankers, brokers, merchants' preachers, teachers, and also the minor pursuits peculiar to the colored people of every city, we bring up at the rear end of the long procession, and take a peep at the man on the corner with the cart. These antiquated landmarks are artists in their way and cook before your very eyes an unnamable mixture of "fish, flesh and fowel," and dispense it greasy-handed to the hungry multitude which is invariably gathered about them. This is serving meals a la carte with a vengence—and no fancy prices go. The lusty lunged venders of "chitlings," oysters, clams and crabs appears in line; and finally, that illustrious individual who invariably insists upon offending the proprieties by adorning his bald cranium with a white plug hat of the vintage of 1801, marches in review, and with a smile so bland and a suavity of manner that would put the famed Chesterfield to shame, calls at your area gate for the household ashes. The "passing show" is at an end. A train of reflection follow in its wake. Its flashing lights and gruesome shadows linger in memory. Truly, an ever-changing kaleidoscope of Fortune's fancy, a "vanity Fair" of human hopes, a "Piccadilly" of mortal frailties!

[CONCLUSION OF PART FIRST.]

Commencement Exercises.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Special.

The graduating exercises at the Opera house as conducted by the worthy principal of the school, was such as not only to invoke the praise and approval of the city School Board, but the city press, and of the people. As an evidence of the interest manifested and an endorsement of the school and the system as marked by the school board, the opera house was packed from pit to dome. Addresses by Judge I. C. Parker and the Hon John I. Rodgers, elicited heartily applause. Prof. E. O. Trent, the principal, is naturally known as an educator, and through his efforts, by the assistance of the school board, have placed the Ft. Smith colored schools second to none. Master Steve Harrison carried away the highest honors.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

St. John's A. M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. James A. Davis, B. D., Pastor.

The above cut is a likeness of St. John A. M. E. church, Nashville, Tenn. The citadel of African Methodism of the Tennessee conference, This large and beautiful edifice has been under construction for sixteen years, and has just been completed through the indomitable will and indefatigable efforts of the present pastor, Rev. James A. Davis, and Dr. W. H. Key, chairman of the Building committee. Rev. Davis was transferred from the Indiana conference and stationed at St. John A. M. E. church by Bishop John M. Brown, D. D., D. C. L., (now deceased) with the instruction, "Finish that church and make it the pride of the Tennessee Conference." The task indeed was a herculean one. A chronic debt of $18,000 stood in the way of the church's completion. This, together with the voice of the ecclesiastical pessimist and the logic of hard times, said it could not be done, but the man with the iron will said it could and must be done And one year and ten months from said time the heavy mortgage debt was paid, and a week of jubilee was held last September in honor of the event. Flushed with victory, "The little money King" announced at the last annual session of the Tennessee conference that he intended (D. V.) to finish St. John church at once, and invited the conference to hold its next session within it. The offer was declined with thanks, for no one believed in view of the heavy struggle through which the church had just passed, it could be finished so soon. But we are prepared to announce to the connection it is even so. St. John A, M. E. church is handsomely finished and on Easter Sunday was dedicated by Bishop M. B. Salters, D. D. It was a great day for African Methodism in Nashville. As early as 8 o'clock the people began to gather to witness the long looked for event; and at 10 o'clock twelve hundred members and friends, led by Bishop Salters and the visiting clergy, marched up into the spacious auditorium. Dr. W. H. Kay, chairman of the building committee, met the procession at the door, and with a neat speech, presented the keys to the Bishop in the name of the trustees and members of the church, and the congregation entered amid great rejoicing. Old men wept, women shouted, while young people and children laughed for joy. The services of the day were fully equal to the occasion. A choir of fifty trained voices, under the supervision of Prof. J. M. Coffey, led the great congregation in singing. Dr. George W. Bryant, who first led the congregation into the basement of the new church, preached two able and eloquent sermons. At 3 o'clock Bishop M. B. Salters, who is a strict high churchman, in true Episcopal form, entered the sanctuary, and with the assistance of the clergy, dedicated the house to God with beautiful and impressive services. His dedicatorial address was indeed an able effort, full of wholosome council, replete with logic and abounding in eloquence. The collection for the day amounted to $1,134.67. In addition to this amount of acturl cash, $368 worth of checks were given, which were cashed on Monday, thus making the total receipts for the day, $1,502.67. This collection broke the record of money raising in the Tennessee conference, and Rev. Davis says he now challenges the connection. The church is a beautiful Gothic structure 80 x 120 feet, with a seating capacity of 1,200 people, is well lighted, perfectly ventilated and handsomely furnished in light oak colors; this, together with a skyblue ceiling, gives it a most beautiful and cheerful appearance. The pastor's study is also elegantly furnished and is provided with a telephone and electric bells which connect the study with all departments of the church. This beautiful edifice, worth $40,000, stands on the corner of two of the leading thoroughfares of the city, just one square from the Capitol, and is a monument to African Methodism, the idol of the congregation, and the pride of the city.

HIS PRESIDENCV DISPUTED.

Last Hours at Trinity Hall—A Good Showing.

Arrested for Larceny—Addressed the Literary—The Farmerville High School—Officers of the Historical Association

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The officers of the Emancipation Celebration and Historical Association of the District of Columbia, a body duly incorporated under the laws of the District, complain that in your issue of the 11th inst. Mr. James W. Poe was published as being president of the above named organization. No blame whatever is attached to the "Freeman" for the said publication, but it is presumed that you would prefer to have the exact facts in the case, and that in the light of the facts, it will be your pleasure to do jusice to all parties concerned. Before the incorporation of the association, and before it was anything like a permanent society, Mr. Poe twice acted in the capacity of President of the Day; but even in these instance, Mr. Poe's official capacity was only temporary, and in each case was understood to be ended at the close of the celebration exercises.

If Mr. Poe instigated the publication in question, he has done this Association and its officers a great injustice, for he very well knows that there is but one legally organized and existing Emancisation Association of the District of Columbia, and that he is not its president. Duly executed articles of incorporation, on file in the Recorder of Deeds' office for this district, will fully attest the truth of this assertion, and Mr. Poe cannot be unaware that such evidence is in existence. The officers and members of the Association feel that it is indeed with great assurance, and utter disregard of all propriety, that Mr. Poe should so peremptorily seek to convert them into political riding horses for his personal use and purposes, when he has neither met with them since their proper organization nor even become a private member of the Association. Herewith please find a full and correct list of the officers of the Association: President, Robert Holliday; Vice President, Ed. L. Williams; Secretary, Geo. W. Stewart; Treasurer, Alexander Moten; Assistant Secretary, J. Harrod; Chaplain, Alexander Harkins; Sergeant-at-Asms, Edward Johnson. Doard of Directors. T. J. Edmonson, Chairman; J. H. McDowell, W. C. Payne, P. H. Simmons, Benjamin Young, A. Ackwith, Harry Anderson, W. H. Matthews, G. F. Honesty, A. D. Gilmore, Washington Perkins, Addison Bankett, Clem Smith, Joseph Smothers, Alexander Harkins. Trusting that you will give space to this our necessary statement of indisputable facts, we beg to subscribe ourselves and remain, Yours very truly.

EDWARD H. SIMPSON
E. V. DAVIS,
Attorneys for the Association.

Orange Blossoms.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

A pleasant evening was spent May 30th at the residence of Rev. Joseph Keill, 208 Trutland street, East Nashville, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Malissa Branch of Nashville and R. Myers, regiment 60, company B. 24, of Hou Chuchuca, Arizona.

High School Affairs.

Farmerville, La., Special.

Rev. E. L Jones has just closed a successful revival. The closing exercises of the "Farmerville High School" took place Friday, May 24th. Refreshments were given by the ladies of the city. The concert which was largely attended by white and colored took place at 8:30 p. m., of the same day. The Farmerville string band and the Blooming Grove Baptist choir, the latter led by Mr. L. J. Page and Miss Genie Arcut played well their parts. We highly appreciate the Freeman as a race journal.

Grand Rally.

Uniontown, Pa., Special.

On May 20th there was a grand rally held at Mt. Olive Baptist church, which was a success. Collection was $233 30. On the following Tuesday evening a lecture was given to the Literary sciety by C. H. Jackson, subject, "The Doings of the Race." Rev. A. H. Grant left on Wednesday morning for Bellfont, Pa., where he will reside. On Monday, the 10th, ult., a grand party was given at the residence of Miss Laura Campbell, in honor of Misses Nellie and Nanor Grant. Mrs. McClnland and her daughters, also Miss Deamas, of Brownville, Pa., were in town on the 27th ult. Rev. J. W. Brown, of Monongahaley City, was with us last Sunday and delivered able sermons in the morning and evening at St. Paul A. M. E. church. All persons wishing The Freeman, should call on Edward Brown, Main street

Open Letter No. 9.

We may whine, fret and fume about lack of opportunity and the white man's oppression 'till the crack of doom; it will do no good, unless we learn sense enough to stop oppressing each other. Aye, here's the rub. Could the colored doctors and lawyers throughout the country relate their experience with vile, envious, cut-throat Negroes, they would a tale unfold, which would harrow up thy soul, chill the marrow in thy bones, and make each particular hair stand on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine.

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A Commission From the Ranks,

OR THE COLONEL'S DAUGHTER.

A STORY FOR AFRO-AMERICAN YOUTH.

By Presly Holliday, Troop, "B" 10th U. S. Cavalry.

CHAPTER V.

Freebold's visits to the colonel's house had been as frequent as his visits to the lieutenant's. He had been invited time and again by Miss Mason to come and give her lessons in music, but his failure to appear on certain occasions had shown her that his services as a teacher could not be counted upon if she must trust to invitations, so at her urgent request and much against his will, he was hired by Mrs. Mason to give her daughter a lesson of an hour's duration every day he was not on duty. In vain did he plead the want of time. Miss Mason piloted him safely around every obstacle, and this young lady even went so far as to get the colonel to have him excused from some of his duties.

As he took me for his confidante he always related to me everything that occurred. One day when he was in the parlor with Miss Mason she said to him:

"Mr. Freebold, where did you get your education and learn so much music? You do as though you were trying to hide your identity. Papa thinks the same thing and says you are a remarkable soldier."

"I graduated from a high school in Ohio, Miss Mason," said he, "and I learned some of my music in school and some since coming out."

"But do tell me," said she, aren't you trying to hide your identity?"

"My true name is 'Milton C. Freebold;' I was born, reared, and educated in Ohio, and am now a soldier, and can swear to it; I think that sufficient, said he with a smile.

"That is true," said she "but papa thinks you are trying to hide your identity, but he thinks you are an awfully nice soldier."

"Thank you for telling me, Miss Mason, said he, "I am very glad the colonel thinks I am a good soldier, for I always try to do my duty."

"Yes," said she, "he says he has noticed you on parade and many other occasions and thinks you might make a good sergeant-major if you remained in the army, but he fears you have some secret you are keeping hid." Then it dawned upon him what she was driving at.

"O yes," said Freebold, "you have an idea, that I am a criminal and have enlisted to prevent capture and punishment."

"I would not think that about you," she said, "but that is what he thinks. You know he has been in the army so long and has seen so many cases of the kind."

"Upon my word, Miss Mason, it is not the case with me," said Freebold.

"Oh, no! I don't believe it is," said she, "but do tell me—you did not receive all your education in a high school did you? Are you not keeping a secret hid from the authorities? Perhaps I can aid you in some way. You look so sad at times. If you want it to remain a secret I will not tell anyone."

And seeing he could not put her aside any longer, he told her of his life, to the time of his enlisting, and seeing the tears come to her eyes as he told of the almost sudden death of his parents, he knew he had her sympathy. He ended by saying:

"I am desirous of securing a commission, but it must not be known, for if it were, the majority of the officers of the post would be endeavoring to get me into trouble?"

"That is right," she said, "I always thought you must have had a military education and you would make a nice officer, and I shall see to it that you don't get into any trouble."

And who can say that when the court-martial case of Freebold of which I was always diligent enough to inform her whenever he got one, were returned with the trial officer's "found guilty" counteracted by the commanding officer's "disapproved," she had not kept her word to "see that he did not get into any trouble?'

When he related to me the occurrences of that day I told him of my dream. He laughed outright, but that laugh had something in it that I could not understand, nor did I understand it for a year or so after. He began to like her very well after that. At that time I thought he loved her. He seemed now to always find more time to go than usual. But again he grew tired of his job. One night I walked into his room. He was seated in his barrack chair with his hands thrust deep into his pockets and his head inclined forward as if in deep study.

"What is the matter, Freebold," I asked.

"Tom, I believe that girl is trying to make love to me. Whenever I am there she always acts more as if I was a visitor than a servant, and almost insists on taking my hand when I leave."

"That's the thing," I teasingly said. "What did I tell you? Here's your love story, here's your romance. Fall in love with the colonel's daughter—go ask him for her hand—he'll kick you out of the door and order you to be shot—just before the guards pull the triggers she'll come screaming and fall across your breast—then too late—they'll fire, wounding both of you and the colonel will have compassion on you and allow you to marry in peace. Freebold said nothing, but with a deep sigh got up and went to the door as if to get fresh air. When he came back to his chair he looked me full in the face and said:

"Tom, you should not talk to me in this way; suppose the colonel should think I wanted to make love with that girl; where would this thing end? Consider that girl's position and mine, then our colors."

"Position!" said I. "That's nothing in this free country; and color? what does that amount to provided you love each other?"

"Is this a free country?" he asked in in a tone so low and with such meaning that when I remembered the treatment of our race at the South I could not answer him. So knowing how well acquainted he was with my either make-believe or real enthusiasm over the future prospects of the Negro in this country, and judging from the tone in which he spoke he was preparing his usually conservative powers for an argument, and knowing that any argument that I could put forth would stand a poor chance before his reasoning, I turned the conversation into another channel by saying:

"Your popularity with the ladies of the post may give you a good show for recommendation for promotion,

"I hardly think so," said he, "I do not wish to get a recommendation by trifling with the affections of a girl to whom I can never be anything but plain Mr. Freebold."

"You are an old fool," said I. "If you love the girl and she loves you, why not plight your troth, make your promises and wait until you are commissioned."

"I do not love her," said he vehemently and rose and began pacing the floor with his hands deep in his trousers' pockets.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

HAMPTON NORMAL

And Agricultural Institute Commencement. Best Ideas Brought Out.

On Thursday, May 23rd, took place the twenty-seventh commencement exercises of the Hampton normal and agricultural institue. For twenty-seven years this school, planted here in the midst of a contraband camp with few scholars and one teacher, has been turning out young men and women trained and inspired to take their places of help and usefulness to their fellowman. From the small beginning the school has grown to a plant valued at half a million of dollars, with eighty officers and teachers and nearly seven hundred students. The forenoon was devoted to visiting the various class rooms and shops, hearing the students reciting in the one and seeing the work as actually performed by the students in the other. The academies exhibit of work done the past year consisted, in the arithmetic department, neatly solved problems, charts showing the property of numbers and illustrating the principles of arithmetic; in history, maps showing the acquisition of territory and the progress of civilizations, charts showing the political history of the U. S.; a chart, the invention of one of the students, showing the transposition of the scale through the sharps and flats by means of a slide with slots cut in it at proper intervals passing over the letters arranged in scale order. Another unique display was called the "commerce of the school," consisting of samples of all the raw material used in the various departments fastened to a piece of card; then there was a display of mechanical drawing done by students who are taking a trade; the manual training exercises in wood working was shown by a board with the models, illustrating the principles of carpentry, fastened to it, arranged in systematic order, each model accompanied with its "blue print." The writing all through the exhibit was noticeable for its excellence attributed to the use of the vertical system recently introduced. The manufactured articles representing student skill, consisting of carts, wagons, buggies, carriages, wheelbarrows, cultivators, and a large drill press made in the machine shop. Harness, boots and shoes, tinware, dresses and suits made to order, flanked by products from the farm, dairy and culinary departments. In the afternoon the exercises proper were held in the gymnasium in the presence of the board of trustees and a large number of friends. The class to receive diplomas this year numbers twenty-nine, in addition to which, were granted certificates of merit to eight other students who had completed satisfactorily their trades. In our pursuit and advocacy of the higher education of colored youth we must give co-ordinate value and attention to the necessity of the youth learning trades The South possesses to day a large number of colored mechanics, who however, learned their trades before the war, but as these disappear there are no colored men of appreciable number who are preparing themselves to take their places, and the consequence is that foreign white labor from the north is imported to take the places thus made vacant. The young men must learn trades our preservation as an industrial factor above that of the most menial labor depends on the young men entering the trades, this is patent to all thinking men. Upon the industrial schools rests the responsibility of teaching these trades, thereby elevating the dignity of labor and attracting to them the bright young men of the race.

After the presentation of diplomas speeches were made by the Rev. Doctor Mackenzie one of the trustees, and by Mr. Thomas Fortnne of the New York Age. On Friday morning began the session of teacher's conference in the chapel of Virginia hall. Those present from a distance were Mr. Fortune of New York Age, Mrs Logan of Tuskegee, and Mr. Silleman a manufacturer of Cohoes, N. Y., besides whom there were a large number representing different States.

The first subject discussed it was the consensus of opinion that the colored people of the State were buying more valuable land than formerly and kept it under better improvement. That there was no show for Negro skilled labor in the factories. That the labor unions were crowding colored mechanics to the wall. That the thing to be done was for more men to learn trades so that the colored mechanic could control the demand of contractors or mill owners; go into business for himself or co-operate and go into business. The discussion of these subjects brought the best ideas showing that the people were thinking of these things and none could fail to be encouraged and inspired to renewed efforts in those essentials that constitute the integrity of any people.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE PROPOSED

Douglass Monument—Springfield Monutol Association Recalled.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

May I be permitted through the medium of your precious columns to share a humble part in the expression of sentiment now favoring a suitable monument to the Hon. Frederick Douglass, which is said to be rapidly crystalizing in all sections of the country. Many suggestions are being made from time to time, through the press generally. The Freeman of the 11th inst in a Washington special, furnishes us with another suggestion of practical value, relative to the collection of funds, and methods of accounting for the same, to the end that no doubt may arise to what purpose every penny is applied. The popular idea seems to be that a central Memorial Association should be formed here at once, to be followed by the organization of branches in every state in the Union. "Then goes on to mention a composition of representive men and women of undisputed integrity and standing as being fit material from which such a board may be formed. Mr. Editor, it is not generally supposed that as great a man as the Hon. Frederick Douglass truly was, there could rise a sentiment detrimental to this grand proposition of commemorating him in bronze or granite.

But when the public considers that these are the same principles with divers means of effect, as the National Emancipation Monument Association of Springfield, Ill., organized August the 3, 1889, and incorporated under the statutes of the said state and according to the letter was composed of the same kind of material as suggested in The Freeman. In fact, one of the names is mentioned in connection with the Association already formed. Now Mr. Editor, what I desire to know is instead of a new organization for an individual monument of the Hon. Frederick Douglass, and the necessary means of effect at the public expense, would it not be political economy and equally as patriotic to represent him in connection with this nations greatest benefactors, whose acts developed the principles which resulted in grandest reform the world ever witnessed (the abolition of slavery) to separate him from the very motives which emanated all his universal greatness.

The design is one of the handsomest in this country. The description is too elaborate for insertion here. It includes eight pedestals provided for single figure bronze statues eight feet high, and will be those noble characters whose names are not only written high on the pages of profane history, but in the book of remembrance for they were devout men raised up by divine providence to lead a crusade against the foulest system of oppression with which the groaning earth was cursed. They are Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, John Brown, Chas. Sumner, Robert E. Elliot, Owen Lovejoy, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln.

The cost of this monument is estimated at $125,000; the official report is the Association has received $65,000 in cash and guarantees for all this. Their interest seemed to die out with the Republican administration. We have heard comparatively nothing rom them since, and for them to remain silent while justice demands their action is not only remarkable, but is calculated to arouse general suspicion. Sir, it appears to the result of the same spirit that silences the actions of the courts in bringing to the bar of justice the perpetrators and participators of mob violence and lynch law, nor can I believe it is the intention of the Association to embezzle or defraud the public. Yet it has shaken their confidence. I speak from experience. As I believe, I am a member of that Association as well as being responsible for several others, and if the Central Memorial Association is ever perfected they will believe me when their commissioners, solicitors and agents have to confront, a people who have been deprived of their hard earnings by being persuaded to contribute to something existing in the mind only, written in behalf of those minds too easily swayed by popular opinion to stop and decide for themselves whether or not they shall longer be dupes to policies injurious even in the face of their legality. Yours for the rights of humanity regardless of race, color or sex, rank, title or position.

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CHICAGO "FARCE COMEDY."

A Word for Miss Wells—She is Not a Dead Martyr, but a Live One.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

While remaining in this great Metropolitan City, I have had the pleasure to observe the progress and advancements of the Negro. One feature in particular is the branching out into mercantile stores, etc., also there is an increase in the number of professional men. On the 29th, ult, I attended what the program called for at Bethel church, "a concert by Illinois club" It would have been more appropriately termed "Farce Comedy," so utterly devoid of true merit was it. Their singing was something terrible, both in selection and its execution. On the whole it is deserving of much criticism. It was simply a travesty on intelligence, a waste of valuable time of industrious people, a desecration of the sacred church. At this intelligent day we must not revert to "down yonder," "chicken thief," and "camp meeting" themes, but bring before the people something in accordance with the age.

Had the pleasure of meeting Miss Ida B. Wells, our noble little heroine. Poor hard worked soul! She is becoming discouraged with the most unappreciative Negro race. When after almost a year of hard toil in agitation, a great sacrifice of time and money, even going into debt to publish her book, refusing lucrative positions far more profitable to her, and to see our leaders, the teachers and pulpits, the intelligent and refined, all showing such little appreciation, taking such little interest and doing so little. Worse yet, making such charges of insincerity, fraud, personal interest, etc. If there is anyone who should be more appreciated, more encouraged, more honored, it is Miss Wells. She is not a dead martyr, but a live one, in touch and enduring all the sacrifices of the race with us. Take her book, subscribe to her subscriptions, work in her Leagues and do your individual part in attaining the result sought, the bringing about of public sentiment against and the utter cessation of lynch law.

The Sunday evening services at Quinn Chapel were unique and impressive. It was a sermon to young converts by Elder Townsend, which was very convincing. The church was decorated with flags. After the sermon the testimonials of the oldest members in the church were given for the benefit of the young members; all having been in the church from fifteen to forty years. Their testimonies were interesting and impressive to all present. "ABROAD."

Chicago, Ill.

Lost His Home.

Ozark, Ala., Special.

Three excursion trains came to this place loaded with colored people to celebrate the 28th. Several speeches were made. The Good Shepherd Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. church is one of the leading societies of the city. The base ball team of Dalton and this place played a fine game, 7 to 1 in favor of Ozark. Call at Sherman's ice cream parlor for The Freeman Saturday and Sunday. The Ozark Lodge No. 3364 set up the Household of Ruth here last week. Rev. T. J. Jenkins has returned from the District Conference. Tom Johnson lost his home by fire last week.

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MIXED SCHOOLS

An Advance in the Solution of the American Problem.

BY REV. C. A. A. TAYLOR, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

I shall in this paper enumerate some of the objections advanced against the mixed school system as introduced and now prevailing in several of the states. I shall also endeavor in a plain way to state some reasons in support of mixed schools.

1st. Mixed schools are objected to because colored teachers are not employed where such schools exist. In answer to which I ask, must we abandon mixed schools simply because the teachers are not mixed? Would it not be more in keeping with progressive thought to maintain what has been gained, and contend for further recognition as men and citizens? Yes, a thousand times yes, We have in some measure secured mixed schools, we next want mixed teachers; so let us contend for the employment of our men and women as teachers, to share in the gains and honors afforded by the public school system. If a race of people are capable to be educated, they certainly ought to be capable as educators. Let us remember that the coeducation of the races to the extent as now prevailing, was not brought about in a day, and that to repudiate mixed schools simply because the plea for mixed teachers is not granted all at once, would be equivalent to repudiating our freedom because some rights as citizens are yet denied us. "A half loaf is better that no bread."

Granting that thousands of colored teachers are perforce of circumstances compelled to go South to get employment as teachers, does this militate against the mixed school system? No Such weak and hasty reasoning would argue that, servile subjection to British oppression should have been more preferable than eternal liberty to the American colonist because of the enormous price of blood and treasure.

Such reasoning would argue that the great American Union had better been dissolved and slavery perpetuated, and the four years' civil strife to wipe out defects in the Union and emancipate 4,000,000 human souls, was a mistake.

Such reasoning would argue that the whole man should be destroyed simply because the finger is affected. No, we can better spare to cut the affected finger off, and especially if we cannot be patient and doctor and heal the finger, even so can we well afford to spare hastily, impatient thinkers, who would impede and turn back human progress because they can not reform the world or change society in a day.

'Tis true we want employment for the qualified teachers of our race, but we cannot afford to sacrifice the future manhood and womanhood of the entire race to the curse of caste in order to obtain place and emolument for a few in this day and generation. No! No!! No!!!

The second objection is that the conditions are not equal in that the classes are not divided in the mixed school. In answer to the second objection, I would observe that the relation between the scholars of both races in these schools, as well as the relations toward the scholars by the teachers, is growing more friendly every day. This is a sure guarantee that in course of time the conditions will be equalized in proportion as the novelty of the situation wears off "The mills of the gods grinds slow but sure." Let us labor on and wait.

The third objection is that our boys and girls at mixed schools are discomfited by the taunts and jeers of their white school mates, who call them "nigger" in derision, and remark thus: "Why don't the 'niggers' go to their own school? etc."

In answer to this, I say that the Negro as a citizen has an inherrent right equal to that of any other citizen, and when the law protects him in making his choice of the school he shall go to, the hotel he will put up at, or the exercises of any other right as a citizen, and he foregoes the exercise of said right, thus denying himself of a benefit that might be derived (simply because some powerful mind, some narrow, contracted person doesn't like it) he shows himself a moral coward, forfeits the claims of manhood and compromises the race—yes, he sacrifices our future to the caste prejudice of the day. Again, often when our people are unjustly assailed the opportunity is afforded to many fair-minded, and christian-hearted white people, who take up the battle for us and champion our cause both North and South. So let the controversy go on—we can be benefitted by it. "Rocks and sticks will break our bones, but words will never."

Should I throw away my meal because it displeases you to see me nourish myself? Must I impugn my manhood, the honor of my wife, the virtue of my daughter, and the veracity of my son because it pleases some one else to see my family prostrated? No! a million times no! If it displeases you to see me be a man—why I shall exasperate you out of existence by being a man in all that the term implies, and if there be any one so mean as not to appreciate true manhood and womanhood, why they ought to die—never be resurrected, for they are humanities' curse, hell's best friend and God's worst enemy. At the time when the question of mixed schools was being agitated, some thinkless, thoughtless creature said such would never be, and lo! we have it.

Let us take into consideration the unnecessary and burdensome expense to the tax-payers occasioned by the maintenance of separate school buildings, janitors, separate fires and other supplies and furnishings, all of this and other heavy burdens at the expense of the tax-payers. Consider the injustice to the parents who may be compelled to send their children out of the ward or school district in which they live, own property, and pay taxes, and this simply because their child is not permitted as a scholar to attend the school most convenient to its home. The sublime interest of all humanity sustains the position which I take in this paper, progressive thought in past ages leading to present results approve it. Heaven sanctions it, angels hallow it, and arch angels sanctify it, before an impartial God, as judge of a people's case in equity.

A White Man Killed.

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On the 22nd inst there was a white man driving along the public road, he met some colored boys in a wagon. The boys could not get out of the road and he would not, so they locked wheels. The white man got out and began striking the Negro with a weeding hoe, After striking him several blows the Negro had a hoe in his wagon too, and told the white man if he struck him again that way he would try to kill him, so the blow was repeated. The Negro is in jail, the white man in hell or some where near there, that is our information.

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The Cedar Hill School,

OR

The Tribulations of a Country Pedagogue.

BY AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. SQUARE.)

Author of "Fred. Jackson's Vow," "Maid and Mistress," "Robbing the Mail," and the poems, "Glen Barney," "What of the Future?" "The Parasite's Luck," "Susan Green," "Looking Backwards," "A Broken Reverie," "The Christmas Re-union down at Martinsville," "As Two Great Negroes," "The Story of Frederick Douglass," Etc.

CHAPTER I.

I Want to be a teacher, and with the teachers stand;
A wise look on my forehead, a ferule in my hand;
There right before my pupils so brilliant and so bright,
I'll banish all their ignorance and fill their heads with light.

Had I never composed the above parody my tale of woe would never have been written. I did compose it, however, and afterwards wrote the same upon all the walls in the house and barn, and in all the books in the house excepting the Bible. My mother at this point gave her consent (to which was appended that of my father's) that I could go North to my aunt's a maiden lady of some sixty odd summers who resided in Boston, Mass., and prepare for the noble work of teaching young minds for the battle of life.

Let me say by way of introduction that my name is Charles Sumner Lee, that I am an Afro-American of a hue you would call "light brown-skin," that my native home is a sea-port town K—— a city of much note in the northeastern part of North Carolina, where my father, who was a member of the famous 54th Mass., settled after the war. Father did all in his power to blend the "blue and the gray" by marrying my mother who was a native of North Carolina, and in due time, the chasm between the North and South (so far as they were concerned) was filled with six children, I being the sixth. My three brothers, after spending a few years at school, in our native town, went to work with father at the carpenter's trade. My ambition, however, aimed higher than that of a hewer of wood and drawer of the jack-plane. I wanted to be a teacher, to start as a primary instructor and end as a college professor with an appendix of "D. D.," "L. L. D.," "Ph. D.," "B. A.," "A. B.," or "M. A.," or perhaps all of these badges of learning. As the youngest child, as a rule, has its way, I had mine.

Seven years ago I graduated from the B—— Normal and High school in the state of Massachusetts, fourth in a class of twenty-one, of which I was the only student of color. I found myself after four years of hard study at last prepared to fill the noble position of teacher.

"You must promise me that you will teach at least three years, Charlie," said Miss Sarah Carroll, a Quaker lady from whom I had received a little pecuniary aid during my college days, as I started for my North Carolina home.

"Three years, Miss Carroll?" I exclaimed with surprise at her request, "why I intend to devote my whole life to the noble work and only regret that I cannot live a thousand years.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to man be—"

"A thousand years, Charles," rudely broke in Miss Carroll with a knowing smile," is a long time to teach school without wanting or needing a change of occupation. (Miss Carroll had taught a primary grade in Boston for twenty years and knew of what she was talking.)

In the fall of '88 I found myself once more in my native town of K——, where I tried in vain to get a position as teacher. The colored school teachers of K—— get good pay and seem to hold on to a good thing. Few are removed by death, and none throw up their appointments unless so removed. I wrote to several county superintendents, only to be informed that I was too late all vacancies being filled. I was almost crazy; I felt it more and more my duty to teach. I had received light and knowledge and felt duty bound to impart the same to my less fortunate fellow-creatures. I had given up all hope of getting a school or an opportunity to teach in any of the city schools, when one morning at the breakfast table my mother handed me the "K —— Morning Star," saying:

"There Charlie, I hope you will answer that, get the school, be successful, and go down in history as one of the world's greatest instructors of mankind," and she pointed to the following advertisement:

"WANTED—A competent colored teacher to take charge of the Cedar Hill Colored School. Must be a college or normal school graduate. For further information, address C. R. Britt, County Superintendent of Schools, Backwoods County, C. H."

"Where is Backwoods county, mother?" I asked in haste as I started for my pen, paper and ink.

"Backwoods county is about forty miles south of here and Cedar Hill is seven miles southeast of the court house; I have been there many a time when I was a girl; I was born in the next county," replied my mother.

"Well I am going to write at once, and I do hope I'll get the school. I wrote, and to my extreme delight I received a favorable reply. I was to meet his honor, Supt. Britt at the court house on Thursday and be examined. It was Monday when I received the glad news, and I at once commenced to review my studies; for three days I carefully prepared myself for the examination, I went over my whole four years' course at school with the greatest care, read a volume on "Theory and Practice of Teaching," and even, I confess, made several "ponies" which I carefully put in my inside vest pocket. Wednesday night I went to the livery stable and ordered a horse and buggy, expecting to stay in Backwoods counyt if I passed examination. I requested them to send a driver along to bring back the horse and buggy. The turnout was to be at my door at six o'clock sharp next morning. I had no conception of the many sorrows, and few joys that stood in the pathway of a district school teacher in the backwoods of the Southland at the time I ordered that horse and buggy. I was therefore, for hours after I had retired kept awake by my imagination picturing a school house filled with all the modern improvements of school furniture—maps, globes, mathematical and astronomical instruments—a school the small counterpart of my Alma Mater, was the last thing I saw before me as I closed my eyes in sleep.

The next morning the turnout was at the door on time and I at once started for Backwoods county. It was a fine day—one of the last of September—and the roads were in fine condition. It had been years since I had been any distance in the country and I enjoyed the ride. Grabbing time by the forelock, I had packed my trunk and left word with mother to send it just as soon as I wrote for the same. I put on my best black suit and low quarter shoes; in fact I fixed up the best I knew how without looking like a dude, in order to make a snap-shot impression upon Supt. Britt.

We drove along at a moderate gait, and I viewed with admiration the fields of corn, cotton and tobacco, now and then taking notes in my scratch book of objects of special interest. About ten o'clock we drove up to the court house. Here I met the vanguard of trouble. Supt. Britt I was told had waited until almost nine o'clock for me and had gone home, leaving word for me to come back the next morning. I resolved to make the best of the situation and inquired where I could get lodging for the night. I was directed to the house of an "Ole man Tom Taylor" who lived about four miles from the court house. The driver took me there where I paid him, and after the horse had been fed he started back to K——. I had now burned my bridges and could not return home. Uncle Tom Taylor, I found to be a good-natured rustic who, after his good wife, Aunt Jane Ann, had given me something to eat, asked:

"'Spose you is ther new teacher what's goin' ter taught school over at Cedar Hill? You missed Mr. Britt this morning, hey?"

"Yes sir, and I am obliged to wait until to-morrow," I replied.

"Well, you is jess in time; Mr. Britt keeps ther mill, 'bout six miles from here an' my boy is jess goin' fur our meal. I'll let him put ther ole mare ter ther waggin' an' take yer over."

I thanked him kindly and jumped in the wagon as soon as it was ready. One o'clock found me at the house of Supt. Britt or now Miller Britt. I handed him the letter I had received by way of introduction.

"Oh, yes, yes, you are Charles Lee; yes, yes, well, Charles, I waited for you until almost noon, and could wait no longer; come in;" and he led the way through the house to a small extension which he used as an office.

"Here, answer these questions; write the answers down, use no notes or reference or receive any other help than your memory; when you have finished, certify at the end of your papers that you have received no direct or indirect help. You are out of the way of the noise of the mill and have, in fact, a better opportunity to study here than you would have had at the court house."

"With these injunctions and remarks Supt. Britt left me alone in my glory. Imagine my dismay when I opened the question papers and found over one hundred questions of the civil service order, not one of which was like the nine hundred and ninety-nine I had studied. He had asked questions under the very rules I knew he would not. I had resolved, however, to teach the Cedar Hill school or die in the attempt, so I went for the questions with a will. In three hours I had answered them all, and given my papers to Supt Britt.

"When will I know whether I have passed or not, Mr. Britt?" I asked anxiously, as he carelessly pushed the papers in his pocket without looking at them and started out in the back yard toward the mill.

"Well, I'll try and find time to look over your papers some time next week, perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday.

"Not before then? Why I wanted to go and see about the school, send for my things, if I have passed examination and open school Monday as you said in your letter."

"Well, yes, yes, that's so; may be then I'll find time to-morrow; anyway you might run over and see Dozier about the school; be alright; I guess you have passed. Mr. Dozier is one of the trustees of the Cedar Hill district school board, and has the giving out of the school. Just tell him I say that he had better let you have the school at once." With these remarks, Supt. Britt walked back to the mill.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN.

The Door of "Edwards Chapel" Closed Against its Newly Appointed Minister, Rev. J. C. Crooms.

Waco, Tex., Special.

The old college bell has rung for the last time for the session of 1895. Teachers and students will take vacation with their loved ones and friends, while others will visit the Northern lakes and the sea side. The fall term will open about October 1st. Paul Quinn College, which has suffered considerable embarrassment recently, owing to a large debt secured by mortgage to the International Loan and Trust Company of Kansas City, Mo., has recently had the loan taken up by Col. A. Symes of Waco. From all reports the matter of saving the college hung fire for three or four weeks. The authorities called upon the A. M. E. churches of the state for aid, several responded promptly and largely, as St. Paul, Edwards Chapel, and Paul Quinn Chapel, all of Waco; Bethel and St. James, Dallas; Brown Chapel, Houston; Shiloh church, Galveston; Palestine, Bastrop, Cameron, Hillsboro, San Marco, Cox, Providence, etc., while some others did not appear to respond with their wonted alacrity and fullness. Only a few more than one-half the whole number of A. M. E. churches in Texas seem to have responded at all. We are told, however, that several others will add to the amount returned, now amounting to nearly $1,000. This fund will be appropriated to the expense of the new negotiation and payment of miscellaneous debts of the school. Some of the largest churches and some of the most prominent ministers of the church, who have heretofore, we are informed, never given Paul Quinn the cold shoulder are looked for with no little degree of anxiety. The people of Waco have contributed considerably more than one-eighth of the whole amount in hand. Dallas comes in for second honors, if not for first. St. James is in the lead.

The local option campaign promises to be a lively one. The saloon men will spend about $2,500 to carry the county for local option. The Prohibitionist will not be in it; they are trying to make the campaign without spending money. The members of Edwards Chapel would not receive Rev. C. J. Crooms, the newly appointed minister on account of his being an associate of Rev. T. C. Denham and J. R. Bryan, P. E.; they think that these men are no friends to them. For one year the members of Edward Chapel have been struggling against opposition and that some of the members, they say, of St. Paul have been doing all they can against them, therefore they propose to not have anything to do with them or any preacher attending their services.

Rev. Denby, college pastor, delivered an excellent talk to the Payne and Maryne literary society. Bishop Lee and Arthur Jackson had quite an interesting conversation a few days ago on the question of the "sun's motion." Rev. James H. Johnson was down from Hillsboro and spent a few hours in the city. Mrs. Dr. Baker the mind-reader of Canada, is in the city. Dr. Denby, the college pastor delivered an eloquent discourse last Sunday night. The Epworth League is becoming very interesting. Rev. J. I. Jones is in the city. Emancipation Celebration will take place here June 19th.

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WASHINGTON CITY NEWS.

The Death of Gresham—The Washingtonians and the

Atlanta Exposition—Mrs. Terrell's Bad Break—The Douglass Memorial Meeting—Society Notes.

Washington, D. C., Special.

Secretary of State, Walter Q. Gresham, died Tuesday morning, the 28th, ult., at 1:15 o'clock. Around his bedside were his wife and daughter, Mrs. Andrews, and her husband. His son Otto was telegraphed for from Chicago. The Secretary was conscious till the last moment, and his end was peaceful he passing into the Great Beyond without a murmur. No death could have been more calm, more peaceful, more tranquil. He died with his head in his daughter's arms while his beloved wife sat by his side his hands crossing hers. Frequent hyperdermic injections temporarily relieved his sufferings. As the end approached the acute pain from the pluratic waters encroaching upon his lungs disappeared and he passed away as quietly as a tired child sinking to slumber in the arms of its mother.

President Cleveland was at once notified at Woodley, his country home. All the government offices were closon the 29th, ult., in respect to the honored dead. His remains were taken to Chicago and placed in a vault in Oakwood cemetery, on the 30th, there to remain until the members of his family have decided upon a place of final interment, either in Oakwood or some other cemetery of Chicago.

It is said Secretary Gresham contracted his fatal illness—pneumonia—by frequent night visits in the raw and damp weather of a month ago. He went to consult the President at Woodley during the recent Nicaragua trouble. He rallied however, from the attack, and sent his private secretary, Mr. Landis, to the country to prepare a place for him where he could recuperate quietly. No one seems to know who will succeed Mr. Gresham, yet the President has only ten days to announce his successor. No doubt the public will know very soon.

The colored people here have been working like Trojans for the success of the Atlanta Exposition. They propose to present a creditable exhibit. A committee, with Jessie Lawson as chairman, has been appointed by the proper authorities. They have commenced work in earnest by appointing an auxiliary committee of women, with Mrs. B. K, Bruce as chairwoman. They have aroused considerable enthusiasm. I. Garland Penn, Chief Colored Commissioner, addressed this committee recently, and encouraged them greatly. On Monday evening, the 27th, ult., Col. L. F. Livingston addressed the auxiliary committee. The most prominent women in the city were there. Congressman Livingston, who, by the way is vice president of the Exposition, made an eloquent address. In it he said: "I was a slave owner, and I know there are no people so close and dear to the colored people as the former slave owners." Mrs. Mollie Church Terrell, wife of Lawyer Robt. H. Terrell, who was chief of a Division in the Treasury Department under Lynch and Harrison, got up and denied the assertion of Congressman Livingston in an impassioned five minutes speech. She contradicted the gentleman, and said she had made a study of the question and knew what she was talking about. The argument waxed warmer and warmer, and the meeting bid fair to go to pieces, when Mrs. M. L. Merriwether, wife of Hon. J. H. Merriwether, the wealthy real estate dealer, arose and said: "We did not come here to discuss slavery, politics, railroad companies' treatment of colored people. It is uncalled for, out of place and disgraceful." After this rebuke the meeting went on in its even way, and some good was accomplished. Col. L. in answer to a query put by Miss Lucy E. Moten, principal of the Normal school here, "Whether the colored visitors would be protected from the violence of the ignorant and cracker class," assured her there there would be no distinction made at the Exposition grounds and that ample protection would be given every law abiding citizen. Quite a deal of ignorance was show by some Northern colored people regarding the South—they seeming to fancy it was inhabited solely by barbarians. It is to be hoped that some of them will go there and find a black face is treated no worse there than in the Capital City of the country.

Richard Green, messenger for the last half dozen Secretaries of Treasury, recently returned from Europe. He contemplates sending his daughter to some European Conservatory of Music, where she can complete her musical studies. Mr. Green has as large if not a larger acquaintance with public men than any colored man in Washington.

Miss Hattie Gibbs, of the Eostein Norton College of Kentucky, is here visiting her sister, Miss Ida Gibbs, who is one of the teachers in the High school. Miss Gibbs, who has been giving concerts in New England, says prejudice in the East is increasing, and bids fair to soon outrival the South. She is a traveled, cultured lady, and her opinion ought to go a great way when she says the New Englanders are becoming more and more prejudiced.

Gen. Coggswell, of Massachusetts, died here last week. He is chiefly remembered by us for espousing the cause of Gen. Catchings, of Mississippi, in the famous election contest of Hill vs. Catchings. He secured and retained Catchings' friendship all his life by his party treachery.

Hon. B. K. Bruce returned from his Mississippi plantation last wee, looking more like a plutocrat than ever. He is fat and is said to be laying his fences to go to the National convention.

The Douglass Memorial by the Bethel Literary, June 4th, was the grandest Memorial service Washington has ever witnessed. Prof. J. W. Cromwell, Chairman of the Committee, had the matter in charge. The services were held in the grand Metropolitan church, over which the distinguished Dr. Jno T. Jenifer presides. Bethel Literary, said to be the oldest and most famous in the country, was opened by Hon. Frederick Douglass last fall, and it was deemed most fitting that this year's session be closed by his Memorial service. The last address of the season before the Literary, occurred on the 21st, ult., and was delivered by Dr. Frank J. Webb, A. M., on the subject "A Look Forward." Dr. Webb argued that one or both of the great political parties should put a Southern man in first or second place on the National ticket in '96 The city press commented most highly upon the address.

Great reductions are expected in the Interior and War departments during the month of June. The Appropriation act goes into effect, causing the reduction. Every clerk is marshaling his "influence." Great stress is laid by the authorities to honorable service in putting down the rebellion. Veterans half way competent are safe.

Miss Lee, of Chicago, who has been visiting the city, the guest of Miss Marion Shadd, was tendered a farewell reception last Friday evening, which was a memorable affair. Dame Rumor whispers that Miss Lee is soon to marry Dr. Wm. W. Purnell, and become a resident of Washington.

Miss Blanche Williams, of Wilmington, spent the holiday with Miss Jessie Wormley, on Mt. Pleasant. She returned to Wilmington last Sunday evening.

Dr. Chas. I. West, who recently graduated from Howard Medical school, winning two prizes and getting first honorable mention on the 3d, has been elected by the Trustee Board Assistant Professor of Anatomy. Dr. West is one of the most brilliant and studious young men of race, and a great future is assured him.

Howard University and Wayland Seminary are sending out their graduates this month. These institutions are doing a wonderful deal of good for the country. Judge Cole, Justice of the District Supreme Court, delivered the charge to the graduates of the Law Department. He was surprisingly liberal in his sentiments, and his utterances were applauded to the echo.

Recollections of Fred Douglass.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Being a reader of your valuable paper, has caused me to come in contact with many gentlemen and ladies sayings concerning the eminent or illustrious late Hon. Frederick Douglass. Douglass was a man, who was born an humble slave, but such he would not be. He is the man, who from Maryland shores, left the cruel sea. While slavery chains were clanging loud, he could not but curse toil; but amidst all of that he rose from the lowest condition of suffering humanity to the highest stage of principle and honor. When I was quite a lad I could hear his name ringing in the air; but could not behold him as I now do. Why? Simply because I did not know, but what he was a white man. But since the sun light of age and honor have approximated to me, and I have gleamed the difference between Frederick Douglass and the white man, I can say with a clear conscience, that we (the sons and daughters of Ham) should throw ourselves in one mass, and without delay, erect a beautiful monument in honor of his memory and noble deeds. Some say we are not able. Listen, will you? What a statement for men of high rank! Look at yourselves and see that you make a mistake by omitting such.

What is the matter with the colored school teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers and other fair thinking men and women of the day? I am sure there are in the South, over 20,000 teachers, Now then, if they would give a $1.50 for the erecting of this monument, and invite each school to give as much as fifty cents, we would have from the teachers and schools about $40,000 Now suppose our preachers, doctors, lawyers, and other friends do as much, which I am sure they will; we will have a sum amounting to about $100,000 I am looking for this to be a pleasure for the people and not a task, especially with those who are in sympathy with this movement. Put your hands in your pockets and let Fred Douglass' memory rest on this continent. Let him ever have a resting place in your bosom. Yes,

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Foot prints on the sand of time.

W. L. D. JOHNSON.

A Sufferer Cured

"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for

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Sarsaparilla, would be sores, provided I was alive and able to carry anything. Eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me, so that I have had no return of the disease for more than twenty years. The first bottle seemed to reach the spot and a persistent use of it has perfected the cure."—O. C. DAVIS, Wautoma, Wis.

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LOST RELATIVES.

DO YOU KNOW THEM?

I would like to find my people. I was born near Hampton, Va. Owned by Lewis Davis. He had a brother named Robert Allen Davis. My mother's name was Patsy Reed, her husband was Bob Reed. I have two sisters some where, Becky and Caroline. I have one sister living in Virginia, her address is Sallie Curtis Hampton, Va. When I left my native home I was about nine and a half years old. A man bought me named Goodbah. He took me to Norfolk, Va., and put me in jail at night. He then took me to Richmond, Va., and sold me to Silas McHunder who sold me to Roberson in Mobile, Ala. He sold me to Judge Perkins in La. My two brothers were John and Frederick. John married a lady by the name of Jennie Payne. I married Harry Mead in Louisiana. He came from or near Petersburg. Va. Had daughter's Mary Liza Mead and Henrietta Mead Their mother was named Rosa Mead. Harry Mead was killed in Texas by a mob. Rosa and Millie were Harry's sisters. I would like also to know the whereabouts of Thomas Gatewood His mother was named Lucy Barber. They belong to Amstead Brooker on Hack river, four miles from Hampton, Va. If any one can give any information, please address Lucy Mead, or her son Sandy Anderson, Mineola Wood Co., Texas.

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Was Death Necessary?

[Special Telegram to *Chicago Inter-Ocean.*]

"SYCAMORE, ILL., May 25, 1894.—George W. Churchill, chief engineer of the city waterworks, died of heart disease this afternoon while riding his bicycle."

A splendid man.

A useful citizen, occupying a responsible position in the city where he lived.

He was a *necessity*, not only to his family and friends, but to the entire community.

Near Vandalia, in the same state, Illinois there lives a widely known, much respected prosperous farmer, Mr. J. F. Helm.

Why did he not drop dead?

On the same day that the telegraph operator at Sycamore was clicking to the press of the country the startling news of the sudden death of Mr. Churchill, Mr. Helm at Vandalia posted the following letter:

Vandalia. Ill., May 25, 1894.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.:

I desire to add my experience to the many testimonials of benefit persons have received from the use of your remedies. I was troubled with heart disease for several years, at first I felt an oppression around my heart; I then began to get short of breath, after violent exercise I would have palpitation, and finally became so bad that that work became an impossibility. I was doctored by several of the best physicians but obtained only temporary relief; Mr. G. B. Capps, druggist here, induced me to try a bottle of your Heart Cure. It helped me from the start; my trouble had become chronic, I had neglected it so long, that I have used several bottles. The result has been most wonderful. I can breathe freely and easily, suffering no inconvenience from extra exertion and can enjoy a good night's rest, something I have not been able to do for years. I cannot express thanks too highly in commendation of your Heart Cure; believing you have prolonged my life many years, I can and will cheerfully recommend it to anyone suffering with heart trouble.

Very respectfully yours,
J. F. HELM.

Dr. Miles Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will benefit. All druggists sell it at $1, 6 bottles for $5, or it will be sent, prepaid, on receipt of price by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

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THE FREEMAN,

A NATIONAL ILLUSTRATED COLORED NEWSPAPER.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1895.

SHERMAN'S ZANESVILLE SPEECH.

When John Sherman, of Ohio, opens his mouth to expatiate on any question or movement of national moment he says something. The fellow prolific with high sounding plalitudes, whose utterances on current political question bear the music of sounding brass and tinkling cymbal can claim no fellowship with the gray Senator from the Buckeye State. His recent speech before the Ohio State Republican Convention is a brilliant, able illustration of that fact. On that occasion he spoke on monetary matters, the silver question, like the oracle that he is affording food for thought and reflection meet to engage the earnest reflection of thoughtful men of whatever party ilk. Especially were good Repulicans who desire to be right, warned against listening to whatever siren song of makeshift expediency, no matter by whom and how sweetly chanted that tended to induce them to wander from, and jeoparadise the traditions and records of their party, that during all the years of its glorious life, has caused it to be respected and pointed to as the vigilant guard and defender of national credit, in its best and most durable sense. No man knows better than Senator Sherman that the dream of the wild-eyed Populism, looking to a free and unlimited coinage of the white metal of the West is a most iridescent one, in no sense fraught with future national credit, and the maintainence of that commercial and monetary equoipoise, those natural parents of "Trade the calm health of Nations." The speech of Mr. Carlise, which has been much praised, although cast along the safe and sound lines of wisdom and fruitful experience, will not compare with Senator Sherman's as an effort calculated to influence, in that it has already been largely discounted as a special plea made by a brilliant advocate, more upon behalf of the drifting fortunes of a political party, doomed even now to overwhelming defeat in the next national battle of the ballots, while upon the other hand Senator Sherman simply renewed and redirected attention to those safe and conservative principles of financial legislation that have always been indiginous to Republican soil, the assailers of which, before the sporadic apparation of the Populistic dreamers upon the scene of notice, were in the ranks of the Democratic party, a party that went into power something over a brief two years ago, flushed with a sense of overwhelming victory, but finding itself to-day, between the devil and the deep blue sea, does not hesitate to deck itself forth in stolen rainment, the better to detract attention from its changed and helpless plight. To return to the subject matter of Mr. Sherman's lucid presentation of the one overshadowing question of the hour, and the course for patriotic, level-headed citizens to persue thereto, it is well at this time to recall the Republican plank of '92, which demanded.

> "Good money of equal purchasing power which is coined of siver or gold, or composed of United States notes and national bank notes based upon the credit of the United States, maintained at par with coin,"

Ergo the bimetallic policy in a nut shell, that by all the instincts of sound financial reason and the sacredness of a solemn pledge the Republican party is pledged to maintain and make good when given the opportunity. Upon this rock, the party of Lincoln, Grant and Harrison, can afford to anchor itself, and with Benjamin Harrison the safe, the wise and conservative, as its standard bearer in '96, get ready for the great victory sure to follow.

CALLED DOWN.

The attention of Dr. James E. Henderson, M. D., of Springfield, Ill., the peppery, and somewhat impatient author of the "open" letters, which for some weeks have been appearing consecutively, in our columns, is respectfully directed to an Indiapolitian's "open" letter printed on this page, and addressed to him, which rather takes the "dictum," as laid down in his "open" letter No. 8, by the nape of the neck and seat of the breeches, as it appears to a looker on at the fray from this neck of the woods. The writer, Mr. Joseph Ward, a young man of good attainments and a recent graduate of the Indianapolis High School, need not be ashamed of his reply to the fiery and brilliant polemic, hailing from the State of Altgeld the blatent. In this connection, it is difficult to conceive of a stronger arraignment of pessimistic impatience and intolerance as it effects race matters, or a more pathetically eloquent plea for clemency and charity for the Negro, than is found in the following extract from Mr. Ward's effort:

> If you scald a child the sight of water will make it cringe and tremble with fear. So it is with these terrible reminiscences of the past. Why, Dr. I can yet see the very scars where the foul slave lash tore my mother's flesh, can she look upon them and smile blandly? Sir, it is not natural. Those minor tones of culture and refinement cannot develop under such a sting.

A "DAILY" VENTURE.

The Daily American, published at Jacksonville, Fla., Mr. J. W. Johnson, editor and manager, has made its appearance, and is an attractive and lusty "young un." Like most new comers, Editor Johnson protests somewhat loquaciously, as will be observed in the following extract from his salutatory on what he won't and will do; which, however, does not prevent THE FREEMAN from tendering its fraternal congratulations. Says Editor Johnson:

> "It will be its office to defend the Negro when he is oppressed, to counsel him when her errs, to applaud him when he is deserving, to condemn him when he sins. It is not its purpose to stir up strife and hatred * * * neither will it be its policy to rant about the numerous so-called rights and wrongs of the colored man * * * but it is pledged to fight to the bitter end all injustices that infringe upon his rights as a man and a citizen of the United States. In National politics The American stands squarely upon a Republican platform, not from policy, but from principle. In local politics it will stand for what it believes to be the highest and best good of the entire community."

WHY SHOULDN'T WE?

THE FREEMAN, of Indiana, devotes over a column to "Two Recent Decisions and a Speech." Speaking of Judge Goff's decision, Bro. Sweeney starts out in the greatest ecstacy and exclaims:

> "God bless Judge Goff! God bless him and may the pages of eugolistic history preserve his name from decay, that when faced by a crucial opportunity, he was equal to it. We believe his decision will stand, that the reviewing tribunal will declare it good law. The principle once established as part of the fundamental law of the land, viz: That the Negro's rights as a citizen of the United States are as sacred from the menace of the states as from the unsympathizing interpretation of a foreign power, state sovereignity, the evil genius of American politics, has received a death blow on the most sensitive part of its anatomy."—Fort Worth Organizer.

So we did, Reverend sir and friend, so we did, nearly sing and shout, and listen, so help us John Rogers! We would do the same to-morrow, should occasion seem to demand it. You know how you and I and every Negro in America fell down and kicked ourselves, and desired to choke to a purple death, the bland and smiling Waite and his conferres who rendered the iniquitous CIVIL RIGHTS decision of rotten memory, well now, why shouldn't we rejoice, every mother's son of us intelligent enough to do so, over the good work of a just, upright and sensible judge?

COMMENCEMENTS.

Scribner High School, New Albany, Ind., Opera House June 3rd.

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Industrial High School, Danville, Va., June 11th.

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Broadway High School, Madison, Ind., May 29th, 1895.

PERIODICALS ETC.

The Cosmopolitian for June; Tales from Town Topics; Sam's Dilemma, a parody on the Silver Question; Coin's Financial Fool; Catalogue of Hearne Academy; Cookman Institue Catalogue, are among this weeks visitors to our table.

LET every colored voter in the 4th School District of Indianapolis do his duty to-day, and Thomas Chandler will be their next Commissioner.

ACROSS the mountains, over the rivers, beyond the great lakes, we waft to Thomas R, our distinguished consideration, but Tommy, not this time is yours, but—well at home, here we sperk of him as plain "Ben," you know.

SONG OF THE SILVERITE.

I'm known as a silver man,
Who's built on the latest plan,
And now if you'll show me
The honor you owe me
I'll tell you whatever I can.

I'm generally known for verbosity,
A sort of talking monstrosity;
A man of most noted cupidity,
But lack, you'll find, in solidity;
Of really surprising audacity,
But minus all business capacity;
A man who believes with impunity,
His folly can wreck a community;
Whose talk about units and parity
Is often a cause of hilarity;
Who has the astounding temerity
To threaten our present prosperity
By showing a fearful propensity
To mental and fast growing density;
A man of that selfish variety
That menaces every society;
Who's aiming by methods precarious
To foster his projects nefarious;
With arguments ever irrational
To make his abilities national;
Whose figures, of course, are elastical
To prove his assertions fantastical;
A man at the best hypocritical,
Whose aims are not always political—
In fact, I'm a man who's fanatical,
And possibly also piratical,
For merely to tickle my vanity
I advocate silver insanity;
I can with the greatest felicity
Exhibit amazing duplicity;
My genius is shown by facility
In hiding a lack of ability--
Of course, you can guess at the rest of it,
I'm aiming to get all the best of it.

For I'm built on the latest plan,
And since this folly began
I've shown a fatuity,
Gross incongruity,
Because I'm a silver man.

—Chicago Time Herald.

"GIVE THE FELLOW'S A CHANCE."

> It begins to look as though the Mexican Colonization scheme was a "fake" of the first water, and those engaged in fostering it good examples for the State prison, or worse, We shall pay some attention to the matter in our next—Indianapolis FREEMAN.

> Unfortunately all efforts made by individual members of the race are characterized as "fake," no chance appears to be given to those engaged, to demonstrate success, or failure, but almost simultaneously, come violent criticisms especially from our Eastern brothers of the "craft," which tend to dwarf and demorilize all like ventures. Langston City, and in fact Oklahoma suffered from just such, we were laughed at, and termed, robbers race deluders, and endearing, and pleasant names were bestowed upon us becaus ewe essayed in our judgement by colonizing to better the condition of a few of our race from pest ridden sections of ourcommon country. We are charitable enough, to hope that the Mexican scheme may prove more productive of good than was Oklahoma's despite the croakers in the effete East who are ensconced in luxury, as are most of our Eastern critics in cities. We here in Oklahoma are the fee simple owners of over one million dollars worth of real estate acquired in three and one half years and by only a few thousand of them in number? Can THE FREEMAN usually fair and INTENSELY RACIAL, show as good a record for as many in numbers in or about their locality in the time named? Then why denounce the Mexican venture, until it has been given a chance. To day Langston City is competing for a railroad, and if she succeeds (and chances are exceedingly flattering) The Breat Barrier, which our race lovers serously found fault with, an precluded investment there, will be removed. What, with railroad facilities giving us daily communication with St. Louis and the East and the Gulf on the South, there is no reason why Langston, much abused Langston, should not be, what her promoters intended her to be, a city worthy of the name of first among the cities of enterprise and progress in the west, but just such unfavorable criticisms as THE FREEMAN indulges in, touching the Mexican scheme, did us great harm and gave the writers small reward. When great race papers like THE FREEMAN publishes anything it ought to be right, and it usually is, but we hope in this instance its predictions may be off, in that we too are injured.—Oklahoma Times.

So are we charitable enough, and in our way, do pray that the Mexican "scheme" as you dub it, may turn out all right, but we don't know that it will, and in parenthesis, do you? Something too much of this, time will decide both the Mexican and the African migration business; but we have found space for your entire editorial caption, excerpt comment and all, not to quarrel with you over the Mexican scheme, or indeed discuss a matter, that up to this time very little is known of by anybody, but mainly to let the race learn, through the medium of its most widely circulated journal, something of the thrift and achievements of our friends and brothers, the Oklahomans. You write the truth, when you record THE FREEMAN as "fair" and "intensely racial," and we are not ashamed that we are so constituted. We are not loth to tell the truth even if it is against our particular household or ballwick. No sir, THE FREEMAN cannot point to any such good showing made by the same number of immediate neighbors within the same, or twice the length of time, as accomplished by your sturdy Oklahomans, and if you are quite sure of your figures, we doubt whether any locality where the "Negro most does swarm," can. We also hope with you, if THE FREEMAN has been guilty of "predictions" concerning the "Mexican scheme," to predict you know is to prophasy, tending to create an unjust impression, and incidently harm our Oklahoma friends, that it will turn out we were "way off," for, pardon the presumptious comparison, we would rather be right in our statements than president—of a country literary society. See?

A PESSIMISTS SCORED.

TO DR. HENDERSON:

I see in the FREEMAN your open letter No. 8, in which you lay down a dictum and defy its controversion. As to your first proposition, that goes without argument. No one with ordinary intelligence would say a terceroon, quadroon, quintroon, or any degree of mixed bloods is a Negro, any more than the chemist would say a compound is an element. But there are statements in your letter that are questionable. You point to several men of eminence and speak of their rich Caucasian and Indian legacies. You do not know that these are the prime cause of their eminence. There are Negroes of loftiness in this country. Among others are Crummel and the late J. C. Price. Surely these are also worthy characters, they have labored to elevate our people, have striven to raise the standard of intelligence and to impregnate our souls with a spirit of truth, honor and virtue. Should not some value be put to such merit? How do you know but that the Negro element in those men you cite is not the real exponent of their greatness? How do you know but that the very mingling and blending of the African in them, as it gave tone and color to the flesh, gave also the wealth and power to the brain? You do not know. And when you speak of rich Caucasion and Indian legacies I cannot help but say in my mind "scorn not the Negro blood" It is rough, course, and unwieldy; but after all there seems to be in it a strange comingling of wealth and strength. It is as a soil over grown with heavy trees and shrubs and needs the woodsman to cleave the trees, and tear away the roots, to cultivate the ground and transplant the whole with delicate flowers. That is what Bruce and other such men are laboring at, that is what Price and others have labored at. This cannot be done at once. Thirty odd years is not sufficient time. Other nations have had centuries, we must have at least a few generations. To say, "Now is his time; now's his opportunity. Let him by deeds demonstrate beyond peradventure of a doubt, his physical, mental, and moral equality, or forever wear, in big bold letters across his forehead, the brand of inferiority." I say, to make such a statement, is wrong and unjust Now is not the time to show these equalities Calling upon him to-day for such a task, is equal to commanding a school boy to drop his pencil and slate and take hold the reins of government. Be just. Withold your brand and give him time. The chains that bound us are hardly rusted, the hands that starved us are yet alive and on the southern hills are still the dens of torture. If you scald a child the sight of water will make it cringe and tremble with fear. So it is with these terrible reminscences of our past. Why, Dr. I can yet see the very scars where the foul slave lash tore my mother's flesh. Can she look upon them and smile blandly? Sir, it is not natural. Those minor tones of culture and refinement cannot develope under such a sting It dulls the senses, throttles the spirit, fills one with cowardice, hatred and revenge. Do not be cruel, withhold your mandate! Let time wear those scars away and the sweet sun light of liberty bleach our souls. Pass the edict down. Give it to the sons of our daughter's children, and if they catch not the sound of our onward march then is the time to brand us with the awful brand.

JOSEPH H. WARD.
Indianapolis, Ind, June 5, '95.

WHAT'S the matter with Harrison!

ETERNAL vigilance is the price of liberty.

COME in camp, gentlemen, before the deluge swamps you; his name is BENJAMIN HARRISON and he hails from "Injeany."

THE 2nd half of part first of "Phases of Washington Life" as published in this issue amply sustains the good impression of the first. Part second will follow next week.

THE mills of the gods grind slow, but they grind exceedingly fine, but yesterday Superintendent Byrnes, the head of New York's armed body of ruffians, thugs and blue-coated bloodsuckers, was the king of America's greatest municipal bailiwick—to-day his name is mud, and he will don his gold-laced uniform no more,

WHAT shall we say of Foraker, the brilliant, the ambitious, the sly, and shall we add the magnanimous? Nay, verily. Kind in him to decide the young Napoleon of tariff, should appropriate, undisturbed the hollow honor of being Ohio's presidential candidate, in exchange for him lassoing the Senatorship.

THE Negro in America can no longer expect to lull his soul by chanting the gibberish of a day that is gone, in an effort to evoke a sympathy, based upon his passed conditions that can never be aroused again. He must get in the middle of the road, take his chances with the moving throng or continue to be—left.

WE call the especial attention of Indianapolitians to the article on "Mixed Schools" which appears in this issue, from the pen of Rev. Cæser A. A. Taylor, our well known special correspondent of Jacksonville, Fla. It will repay careful perusal. Dr. Taylor is a clear thinker and forceible writer, and is always plumb on grave questions of race interest.

PRAISE God from whom all blessings flow. Now that the agony is over with, it is gratifying to know that in the estimation of the United States Court, Eugene V. Debs must take a back seat to the government. This American anarchist might have been "bigger than old Grant," in the halcyon days of his star's ascendency when his red-eyed dupes were engaged in the twin industries of arson and murder, but now there are none so poor, save Altgeld the coarse and dirty, to do him reverence.

Commencement Exercises.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

The city of Galveston has about 50,000 inhabitants and is fast becoming the great commercial metropolis of the southwest. It is situated on the eastern part of Galveston Island and has the best harbor on the coast of Texas. It is one of the largest cotton, hide and cattle exporting ports in the South. Galveston offers to the thrifty Afro-American a grand opportunity to make for himself a good record among the best citizens. We have lawyers, doctors, teachers, editors and many worthy divines who fairly represent the race. We also have six colored men on the police force, two mail carriers and one alderman. The Galveston Witness is the name of the newsy little sheet launched upon the waters of Afro-American journalism from this port seven months ago with Prof. J. S. Tibs as editor.

The M. E. church with a member ship of 790 is doing much good. The good work which is being done by Rev. A. Hubble, pastor of Avenue L Baptist church, and Rev. H. Reynolds, pastor Reedy Chapel A. M. E. church, is worthy of commendation. The commencement of the Central High school, Thursday evening May 30th, was the greatest affair of the season. Tremont opera house was packed, and seated upon the stage were many prominent colored citizens, members of the school board and superintendent of the public schools. The program rendered was an able one. Rev. Bartley of Houston, P. E. of the A. M. E. church left June 1st, for Double Bayou. Sunday the 2nd was general class meeting day at Rev. W. B. Pullman's church. Hon. N. W. Cuney left for Waco Monday night where he will deliver an address to the literary societies of Paul Quinn college. The May picnic given at Douglass Park Saturday night May 31st was a success. Mrs. Vigil, the lady evangelist, in company with her husband left Tuesday for Houston where they will hold a two week's revival. Mrs. Laura Reese of Houston will spend a month in this city visiting friends. Call at Mesdames Wesley and Finch's Late Hour Cafe, avenue L. between 26th and 27th, and get a copy of the best Negro newspaper published.

A Sunday Accident.

Carbondale, Ill., Special.

Chris Jones spent Saturday at the county seat. Louis Augusta has accepted a position in the Bostic Settlement Schools. Mrs. Offord received a very severe cut on the head by the falling of a wash boiler, which had hung upon the wall of her kitchen Chas Parks was thrown from a horse and received several wounds. Mr. Archie Hicks while in church Sunday night had an attack of hemorrhage. Rev. Baker was called to Evansville to attend the bed side of his elder brother. James Kelley went to Murphysboro the 28th. Mrs. M. A. Holland visited friends in Cairo the 29th and 30th ult. Prof. King celebrated the 30th of May in Buro. Rev. Robinson, of Metropolis, will soon organize an order of Golden Links here. Miss Lillie Johnson has returned to Mound City. Miss Emma Muse is sick. Rev. Winfrey, of Murphysboro preached Sunday night the 2d, at the Rock Hill Baptist church. M. W. Alexander has sold his dwelling house at the cape and will board in Carbondale awhile. Howard Asbell has been appointed as delegate to the Junior Endeavor Society, which meets at Lebanon June 13th. The walls of Rock Hill Baptist church has been beautified by the addition of a fine 14 by 16 crayon portrait of their pastor, Rev. Robinson.

School Closes.

Trenton, La., Special.

We have a very interesting Literary Society at this place, Trenton, of which Mr. M. F. Boley is president. It meets fortnightly. Subject for debate June 4, was resolved that a man of character is greater than a man of wealth. We have a very good school under the teachership of Prof. J. S. Clark, which is preparing for an examination and concert which takes place the 14th inst. Prof. J. S. Clark visited the Coleman Academy's commencement where he made the annual Alumni address last Wednesday. The sisters collected $10 75 in their missionary rally the 19th ult. Emanuel Crenshaw, who has been sick four years, worked a little in his garden one day this week. Prof Allen, of Shreveport, is now visiting friends in Monroe and Trenton. Mr. Luther Carroll has returned from Leland University. The Freeman is read by many people in this town.

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Jan. 1, 1894.

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Please send me one copy of The Freeman for 1894. Enclosed is $1.00 for the same.

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Jan. 9, 1894.

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P. W. ADAMS,
Dec. 15, 1893. Nashville, Tenn.

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Find enclosed $1.00 for The Freeman another year, which I prize as the leading colored journal of the country.

SHERMAN KEY,
Jan. 13, 1894. Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Enclosed please find postal order for $1.00 to renew my subscription to your grand journal for one year.

S. W. GREEN,
Jan. 1, 1894. Lake Providence, La.

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Enclosed find $1.00, for which please renew my subscription to The Freeman from February, 1894, to February, 1895.

E. W. CLARK,
Jan. 10, 1894. Georgetown, Tex.

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Enclosed please find P. O. money order for $1.00, for which please send me The Freeman another year.

H. P. GUILKEY,
Jan. 13, 1894. Macon, Miss.

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Find enclosed the amount of $1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to the greatest of colored journals for the year 1894.

R. E. LEE, U. S. Hotel, Boston.
Jan. 11, 1894.

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Having read The Freeman for three years, I desire to have it and will encourage many of our race to subscribe for it and read it.

J. C. SIMMONS, Leflore, Miss.
Jan. 6, 1894.

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Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman for one year. Dr. D. E. Caldwell, of this place, speaks very highly of it indeed.

J. R. JOHNSON, Osceola, Ark.
Jan. 11, 1894.

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Please find enclosed $1.00, which place to my credit on my account of The Freeman. Continue The Freeman, please; I do not care to be without it.

J. C. DANIELS,
Dec. 23, 1893. Florence, Ga.

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I am anxious for your paper because it is the paper of our race, and grandly does it play its part of vindicating the rights of the Negro.

JAS. T. BRYN,
Editor Free Will Baptist Standard,
Jan. 10, 1894. Kingston, N. C.

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I will enclose you $3.00 for The Freeman one year and the School History of Negro race. I have been a reader of The Freeman one year. I feel that I could not be without it.

LOUISA LITTLE, Redding, Cal.
Jan. 10, 1894.

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I am a reader of The Freeman, and can say that I don't think I ever read anything in my life that I enjoyed better, and I don't think any man or woman of color have their homes complete without it.

DANIEL BURTON,
Jan. 11, 1894. Peoria, Ill.

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Enclosed find $1.00 for renewal of my subscription to The Freeman for the year 1894. I cannot lose The Freeman as long as I can work to earn money to take it. I think it a grand paper for our race.

ELIZABETH DORSEY,
Dec. 30, 1893. West Chester, Penn.

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In tracing the columns of your paper I find it the greatest paper that ever left the Negro press. It is needed in our county. I will work for The Freeman. Enclosed find $1.00; send The Freeman.

G. W. DANIELS,
Jan. 7, 1894. Lee, S. C.

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Find enclosed $1.00 for another year for The Freeman. It is an educator to those interested in the race, so please see that it is continued. Without it I would be unhappy and lonely on Sundays.

WALTER S. JACKSON,
Aug. 8, 1893. Torresdale, Pa.

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Enclosed find $1.00, for which please send to the address of Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, 3 Townsend place, The Freeman for one year. May you and your paper be vastly successful in 1894 is the wish of

PETER LAWRENCE,
Jan. 5, 1894. Boston, Mass.

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Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman, your valuable paper, for one year. I take advantage of low rates, and I have a number of race papers to pay for, but of them all there is not one that I appreciate like The Freeman.

JOSEPH H. GARRETT, Arbutus, Md.
Dec. 17, 1893.

I am praying for the continued success of your grand paper, and hope that my health will improve so I shall be able to do more in the future than in the past in getting it in every Negro home in the Republic.

CHAS. V. MONK, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 27, 1893.

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My people seem particularly anxious to read the leading Negro paper of the world, The Freeman. Please be so kind as to place the name of my school on your list and send your paper until May.

REV. M. L. LATTA,
President Latta's University, Oberlin, N. C.
Jan. 8, 1894.

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For four or five years I have been a regular reader and subscriber of The Freeman, and it is with pleasure I recommend it to be a true race journal in every sense of the word. Enclosed you will find a postal note for $1.00, for which I wish to renew my subscription for another year.

G. W. MCNEILL,
Jan. 9, 1894. Topeka, Kas.

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Enclosed find $1.00 for my subscription to continue for the ensuing year. The Freeman is a solid friend that I would not be without. I can not find words in my vocabulary to express the joy of its appearance. I sincerely hope that the day will soon come when it will sweep over this land as the waters over the deep.

A. E. EASON, Houston, Tex.
Nov. 21, 1893.

I cannot be without your valuable paper. I enclose the sum of 50 cents for the paper for three months. I can only say that your paper is the best race paper I have ever read. It brings news from different countries, and from our fatherland in Liberia, Africa. I like it for that cause. I can say that it is needed in every Negro's house; every colored man and woman should read it.

PROF. A. T. DIXON,
Jan. 6, 1894. Carlisle, Ark.

TURNER NORMAL COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises.—Meeting of Trustee Board. -Principal Indorsed. Immorality Charged.

Shelbyville, Tenn.. Special.

The closing exercises of Turner Normal College were grand. The year's work is claimed to be the most successful since the school has been upon its feet. Sunday, May 26, Rev. W. H. Young of Nashville, preached the baccalaureate sermon at 3 p. m. Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., the exhibition of the Primary and Intermediate grades took place, together with post-graduate students who are in school pursuing advanced studies. The Alumni Association held its anniversary on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. The classes of '90, '91, '92, '93 and '94 were represented by members of the classes who read papers or delivered orations. Prof. R. P. Purdy, an alumnus of the class of '90 delivered the annual address. The president installed the following officers of the Association for the ensuing year: President, W. A. J. Edmondson; 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Mrs. B. J. Burkeson, Mr. S. C. Rainey; Cor. Sec'y., L. C. Ransom; Rec. Sec'y., Miss C. B. Trail; Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. McChristian; Chaplain, C. H. S. Donnell. Mr. W. H. Thompson of class of '90, who is now of Roger William University, made a speech. The sweet singing of Mrs. Ella Burns of Clarksville will not soon be forgotten. She belongs to the class of '91. The oratorical and elocutionary contest was held on Thursday night. Six young ladies and three young men were the contestants. The prizes were silver medals. The medal for elocution was offered by the local Board of Trustees, for oratory by the president and faculty. The successful contestants were Miss Artemissa M. Jetton, of Murfreesboro, and Mr. Chas. L. Davis of Shelbyville. The judges were Rev. T. A. Thompson, D. D., of Chattanooga; Dr. V. D. Turner of Shelbyville; and Rev. B. Green of Nashville. Friday night the hall was filled to over flowing, to greet the graduating class, twelve ladies and three gentlemen. Rev. J. A. Bryent was valedictorian. Each member of the class was loaded with floral offerings and other valuable presents. The medals won the preceding night were presented by Rev. J. A. Davis of Nashville, with a pleasing speech.

The valedictorian of the class then asked Rev. Davis to present to the president, Rev. J. A. Jones, a fine hat which the class had purchased for him as a token of love and gratitude. Rev. Jones accepted the gift and thanked the class and retired amid cheers from the audience. Dr. T. A. Thompson delivered the address to the class. The General Board convened in the library on Thursday p. m., and held a business meeting. The books of the treasurer and principal were examined and audited and found to be correct. President J. A. Jones was endorsed and recommended for the next session. The Board was, however, startled by the intelligence through Mr. J. C. McAdams, late of Alcorn University, that the morals of the school and faculty were not just what it should be. It was the more surprising to the Board since it is a fact that Mrs. J. C. McAdams, his wife, is a member of the faculty, and that the complaint was against the faculty, not including the President. Mr. McAdams was instructed to retire and prepare his charges and specifiations. The hour was set for the hearing of his complaints, but Mr. McAdams failed to materialize. The matter was dismissed by the Board as wholly without foundation, and unworthy of notice, as there was nothing in it. An agent was appointed to travel in the interest of the school during the summer. The President's report was adopted, and most of the recommendations were endorsed. Dr. V. D. Turner has announced that he will give a scholarship to the best essayist, lady or gentleman, the competition to take place before the opening of the fall term, 1885 Dr. T. A. Thomson offers a scholarship on behalf on Warren Chapel A. M. E. church, Chattanooga. President J. A. Jones has announced that he will travel some this summer in the interest of the institution.

To Attend the Educational Conference.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special,

The closing of the Turner Normal College was a grand sight. Visitors from all parts of the State and adjoining States. All the general and local boards were present and were in session for two days. The work done by the pupils and teachers could not have been surpassed. Dr. Thompson of Chattanooga, Rev. T. J. Davis of Nashville, Rev. James of Columbus, Rev. S. B Green, Nashville, G. L. Jackson and many other prominent men and women expressed themselves as being well pleased. The members of the graduating class did themselves honor Miss Arnelssa M. Jettan took the medal for elocution. Mr. Chas. L Davis for oratory. Turner Normal College is growing, we are proud of it. A goodly number of the teachers will attend the educational conference to be held at Nashville, Tenn , 11th, 12th and 13th insts. Rev J. H. Hillsman is having unbounded success in his meeting at Tullahama. He has had twenty-two to profess a hope in Christ in less than two weeks. Prof. R. P. Purdy and W. A. Thompson went to Wartrace on the 1st inst. There is something in the wind, look out Miss Stubbs. Prof. W. K. Greer will leave for his home at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mr. Tom. Tuttan is having some repairs put on his house. Miss E. J. Little is on the sick list. Miss Viney Blay was brought from Nashville and buried on the 31st inst. Mr. Bob. Jones, jr., was knocked from the top of a running freight train by a bridge last week and killed. Many of the pupils are leaving for their homes and others are coming home. Mr. and Mrs. Green McMar's baby died the 30th inst. Mrs. Mary Jacobs will stay three months with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Wilson. Many strange faces are seen in our city. Get the Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

Doings Of People.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Etta Hodge was the guest of Mrs. Mary Jane White June the 1st. Miss Ophelia Solomon was entertained at the residence of Miss Izo Elkins Wednesday, the 29th ult. Mesdames Leathey Blackman, Virginia Moore and Messrs. E. E. Mhite, Lewis Cannon, Ruth Dickerson, A. W. White, William Moore and H. F. White visited Haley station last Saturday evening. Rev. Houston Solomon spent Saturday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Fugitt. Mr. Lewis Osborn of Nashville, Tenn , is spending a few days with his relatives here. Rev. Houston Solomon has closed his revival. Miss Susie Maupins is sick at this writing. Sick, are the Messrs. Enoch Hodge, Kit Phillips, Willam Cannon and Mrs. Martha Moore.

Many Happenings.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Jasper Pickens fell dead at his home on south 8th street on the 21st. The deceased was about 30 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children. A little child of Luella Briggs left in the care of some neighbors managed to get hold of a bottle containing laudlum and drank the contents, but for the timely aid of Dr. Brooks the dose would have proven fatal. The excursion to Mound City on Decoration Day was a success. The pupils of the Second District School held a picnic on June 1st, near Fisherville. Bud Williams was find $50 and sentenced to fifty days in the county jail last week for whipping his sick wife. Our base ball team left home on the John S. Hopkins last Saturday, bound for Henderson, Ky., where they will play on June the 2nd and 3rd. Betty Beil claims to be a mind reader. George W. White a well known and influential citizen of Grants Pass, Oreg., is in the city. The ceiling in the auditorium of the Washington Street Baptist church is sky blue. A club has been organized to raise funds for the purpose of placing of two large arc lights in the dome. The public schools will close on the 15th inst.

Friendship Court Installation.

Lockland, O , Special.

Links of Friendship Court, K. of P. held an installation last Friday night at Odd Fellows hall. The following persons were installed by Miss Bailey of Xenia, O,: Mrs. J. Williams, W, O ; Mrs. K. Renfro, M. Itx.; Mrs. M. Farmer, W. Itx.; Mrs. M. Gray, W. O ; Mrs. E. Roberts, R O.; Miss F. Duskin, R. A ; Miss Irene Payne, S. D.; Miss Nettie Renfro, J. D.; Mrs. M. Overstreet, R. D ; Mrs. Anderson C ; Miss M. Burton, A. C.; Mrs. Batis, W. H.; Mrs. D. Johnson, M. E.; Miss Dudley, W. P. An excellent supper was served after the installation. Miss L. Lee, Alice Duskin, May Cammack and mother spent Saturday in Cincinnati. Mrs. John Graham and mother, Mr. Jas. Owens and Miss Ida Sharp and others spent Decoration Day at Spring Grove. Misses L. Lee and Nettie Renfro spent Decoration Day at Avondale, O. Miss Clark and sister and Miss Green of Cumminsville O , were here Sunday visiting relatives. Mr. Roberts of Prince Hill, was the guest of Miss Mamie Carter Sunday. Mr. Thos. East made a flying trip to Oxford, O, last week. Miss Eliza Green left for her home in Batavia, O , last Wednesday. Misses Lucy Derrickson and Alice Duskin will represent the Christian Endeavor of the Church of Christ, at Springfield, O Miss Hattie Lenard after a short visit to Cincinnati, O,, has returned home. Mr. and Miss Smith of Walnut Hills, O., were the guests of Miss Ida Sharp Sunday.

Committed Suicide.

Decatur, Ill., Special.

Robert Merton, the son of Greenberry Merton, committed suicide Friday night. Mr. John Moore will leave the city for St. Louis Thursday. Mr. George Young, the auctioneer at Bloomington, who has resided in this city one week has left for Bloomington. Mrs. Howard Ward and Mrs McDingon, of Edwardsville, were in the city Sunday. There was a grand concert last Tuesday at the Antioch Baptist church. Rev. Johnson has left the city for Joilet. Mr. B. W. Nickens and Mrs. Annie Lafit have left the city for Springfield, Ill. Mr. Joseph Allen and James Brumell are the leaders for fine meals. The town is highly excited over the arrival of the dunkards numbering 1,500. Mr. Bubum Lee is sick. Mr. Van Lee and Mr. William Wescon have returned from St. Louis. Mr. Hughes of Mt. Uron is still in the city.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.—SUCCESSFul Pedagogues.—American Missionary Society.—Personal Notes.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Rev. S, D. Gibson is again in the coils. It begins to look as if he was being persecuted rather than prosecuted. Some of the young people of the Centennial church are talking of having fans put in to be run by water power. A union picnic by the Sunday schools of the city is the next attraction. Thursday, the 17th is day set for excursion of the little folks to the woods. Dr. P. W. Clark, Miss Hattie Hatton, Mr. J. E. Brice and Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris are delegates to the State Sunday School convention to be held in Camden on the 20th inst. Rev. A. H. Miller is still holding the fort at the Second Baptist church. The infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gibson died last Wednesday night. The Y. P. B. U. had a meeting last Wednesday night. The subject discussed was, "Resolved, That the Negro pulpit is abreast of the times," decided in the affirmative. Prof. H, Avant, principal of the Peabody public school, with his seven able lady assistants have just cause to be proud of the success of the exhibition which marked the closing of the most successful sessions in the history of the public schools of our city. The closing exercises were held in the Second Baptist on last Friday night. Prof. Geo H W. Stewart, instructor for the County Normal Institute convened his Institute on last Monday with a large number of teachers present. On Wednesday night the teachers of the county will be addressed by Hon. Greenfield Quarles, Hon. J. N. Donahoo, and Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris. The Helena Normal school, which is fostered by the American Missionary Society, and which is doing untold good in this community will close on next Thursday with a grand exhibition at night. Prof. C. W, Driskell, who is in charge of this school, is an able man, and an earnest worker for the elevation of his race. Miss Hattie Crawford, who has been away for eight months attending the Arkadelphia Academy, is at home again.

Kind of Men for Bishops.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

The Regulars are aiming their big guns directly at the Bishop's bench. We need only three new Bishops, while Dr. Henderson, of New York, says we need four. He may be right, but I fail to see where the A. M. E. church needs more than three. Only three seats are vacant. As we fail to have money trees in the folds of the A. M. E. church, we had better go slow and not be gluttons for fear the manna will spoil on our hands. or rather the church would be burdened. The church is burdened already, as we have one or two more general officers than we need. We should be careful in selecting delegates; let us send men and not boys, to the General Conference. There are many men who would be of great service in the General departments of the A. M. E. church, but a Bishop should have served in every office in the church, from a class leader up. The same applies to the general officer, as this seems to be the road, yes and a straight one to the Bishopric in the A. M. E. church. A man as Bishop or general officer should be blameless in life, and should the General Conference elect any other, she will muddy her face. We cannot agree that the dollar system should be changed. Every member in the A. M. E. church can pay one dollar to the general fund, with a few exceptions. What we want is better preachers, and then the dollar will come. If every pastor would do his duty, the A. M. E. church could average 75 cents per member. But so many of the pastors are unable to do so because of the whisky, "sweet heart," tobacco and excursion money they have to raise. Bishop Turner's advice is that the delegates to the coming General Conference should be gray headed; I fail to agree with him, but rather men of sense. Many more shots at the Sunday School Union as I have read of late, and we will have to look for a good man for that department. We hate to see our big men come down, but this is the rule with those who act to deserve it.

S. J. CHANNEL, Greensburg, La.

Personal Mention.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

Mrs. Lizzie Townsend returned to her home at Allensville, Mo , on the 26th, ult. Peter Clemmons and Elder H. F. Johnson are sick. Prof. H. A. Wheeler left this city for his home at Vienna, Ill., on the 28th, ult. Miss Eva Gwinn returned from St. Louis the 29th, ult. Miss Madie Tipton was arrested May 29th for larceny. H. M. Farvell and Elder W B. White made a flying trip to St. Louis and returned on the 31st. J. D. Townsend has made an improvement on his residence. The Royal Literary society will be revived in the near future. The Baptist Sunday school is practicing to render a beautiful program on Children's Day. A choir will soon be organized at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church. Geo. Melon has obtained a position at Kelly's barber shop.

Broke His Skull.

Murfreesboro. Tenn., Sdecial.

On the 18th day of May Wesley Woodruff colored, had a difficulty with Sam Elam white, near here in which Wesley knocked Elam on the head with a hoe in self defence, cracking his skull. Wesly is in jail. Elam is yet living. The Federal graves were decorated and everything passed off quietly. It was a beautiful day for the Grand Army service. The Murfreesboro Literary society June 5th, was lectured to by Hon. S. Jerome Smith. Our public school closes here to-day. Several graduated from the 5th and 8th grades under the principalship of Prof. F. G. Carney. Married June the 5th, Miss Lula Dixon to Mr. Ed. Moore, of Nashville. Miss Bettie Sanders was married to Mr. John Murray last Sunday week.

The Closing of Trinity Hall.

Athens, Ala., Special.

Commencement at Trinity Hall was largely attended, beginning on Friday night 24th with the primary department under the supervisor of Mrs. L. A. H. Williams. Sunday 26th at 11 a. m., the baccalaurate sermon was preached by the Rev. M. S. Jones of the Congregational church, Monday 21st the intermediate department under Miss M. E. Perkins gave an exhibition Tuesday night 28th the good night, the good work of Miss M. E. McLane, principal and Miss L. E. Woodruff assistant was inspected. After the program had been finished the principal, Miss McLane, awarded diplomas to the following graduates: Miss Effie Goodloes, Tuscumbia, Ala; Mr. Hamshire Morris, Bethel Tenn.; Mr. Wm. Hayes, Bethel, Tenn.; Mr. Thomas Boner, Pulaski, Tenn.; Miss Annie D. Mitchell, Athens, Ala.; Miss Mary L. Houston, Athens, Ala.; Miss Lizzie B. Jones, Athens, Ala. Mr. Cary Goodloe, of Tuscumbia, came up to see his daughter graduate. Mr. John Guthrie, of Decatur, came over on the 28th to the closing of Trinity School. Mr. J. W. James of Tuscumbia,spent several days in the city this week. Miss Carry Jones, Ida and Calisia Banks and Messrs. Lee Murphy, Austin Griffin, Howard Banks, Eugene Mixon, Smith Palmer, and many others were over from Decatur on the 28th to witness the closing exercises at Trinity Hall.

At Cookman Institute. A Negro Daily.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.

The 23rd commencement exercises of Cookman Institute, a school founded and sustained by the Freedman aid society of the M. E. church, was held in Ebenezea M. E. church on the 10th inst. The graduates were Miss C. A. Cutton and Miss G. A. Howard. These young ladies are considered among the best orators in the city. Rev. J. B. L. Williams, the esteemed pastor of Ebenezer church, had the Degree of D. D. confered upon him by Wiley University at its last commencement. It's members gave him a reception. A very enjoyable affair. The speakers of the evening were Prof. J. W. Johnson, A. M,; editor of the daily American, Presiding Elder J. Grant, and others The Baylan Home, and Industrial school, under the jurisdiction of the W. H. M. Society of the M. E. church, will have its closing exercise to-morrow night. A beautiful and instructive programme will be carried out. The members of Mt Zion A. M. E. church are pleased with Rev. J. A. Carey, D. D. The foundation of the New Bethel Baptist church was laid last week. This edifice will cost $20.000 when completed. The greatest event that has taken place in our city for many a day was the publishing of the daily American by a company of enterprising young men about 10 days ago. It already has about 2,000 subscribers, and is increasing daily.

Take Notice "Wheelmen"

When the State Wheel met at Springfield Jan. 1st, it organized the National Afro-American Industrial Union to take the place of the Wheel. All members of the Wheel who will forward me the State dues of 50 cents, the Sub Lodge will be granted a charter free in the new order. The State of Tennessee has granted us a charter, and the laws will be ready in 30 days. I hope all presidents of the old Wheels will comply with this letter at once. This letter applies to the wheels of any state.

WILLIAM. DIXON, N. G. M.,

Clarksville, Tenn.

Personal Mention.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

Public school closed here on the 23d ult. Mrs. Dora E. McDaniel has a nice millinery store. Mineola base ball club plays well. Mrs Susan Anderson is better

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Personal Notes.

Pellonia, Ill., Special.

At the A. M E. church Rev. J. H. Smith held his baptizing of six and a basket dinner was served on the ground. Rev. Lee from Metropolis, conducted the morning services. Mrs. Paulina Marable, Miss Willie Tilman and Ellen Smith from Paducah, Ky,. visited here three days. Mr. Dock Stewart died on the 28th of May leaving a wife and two children. Miss C. C. Barnett, of Harrisburg, visited friends here from May 30th to the 4th of June. Mr. Link Mosby is very sick. Several persons visited Mound City on the 30th. Miss Eva Rodgers is still sick. Rev. Jones of the F. W. church, will give a picnic on the 15th and rally day on the 16th. Mr. F. Jordan and Henry Stewart visited Benton the fourth Sunday in May.

Brick Work About Completed.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Special.

The brick work on the C. M. E. church is about completed. Rev. Rosser of Greenville is in the city visiting Rev. C. F. Moore. Rev. Bryan of Greenville preached at the Baptist church the 2nd inst. Miss Edith Watson and Master Shaw have returned from Marshall where they have been attending Bishop college. Alfred English,a student of Wiley University, Marshall is visiting relatives in this county. Messrs. I. J. Powell and F. M. Stanford have been appointed chairman and secretary respectively of the Hopkins Co. Association to collect exhibits for the Exposition at Atlanta, Ga. Ella, daughter of G. C. Cotton, died Thursday and was interred at the city cemetery, H. M. Richmond officiating. Entertaiment at Odd Fellows' hall in honor of Prof. Stanford and lady was a success. H. Carol is putting an addition to his residence. Rev. E. V. Forman of Mt Pleasant was in the city last week. Crops are fine in this, Hopkins county. The Baptist people have paid off the the last note on the parsonage and hold clear deed to same. Dr. Moore is an addition to Sulphur Springs. His wife is also an M. D. The children's rally day at the Baptist church was a success, They raised $15. The free dinner at the C. M. E was a grand affair. Thanks are due the ladies for their excellent dinner, and to the gentlemen for their timely assistance in working on the new building. C A. Fuller, cook at the Adkins short order house, bought a lot near the S S. & S R R depot last week.

High School Commencement Exercises.

Madison, Ind., Special.

Mr. J. A. Landom and wife visited Carrollton, Ky., Thursday and Friday. Rev. Chas. Young is expected in the city Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall about 500 people assembled to hear the exercises of the high school commencement. The following were graduates: Miss Florence Smith, George Guess, Samuel Harris, William Birch. The graduating exercises were a success. Among the numbers of especial mention were those of Miss Lola M Johnson who sang "the Battle of Gettysburg." Miss Nora Smith sang a solo, also Will Preston. Miss Ada Allen, of Edinburg, Ind., is visiting Miss R. Isabella Washington. Bishop Arnett presented an able, eloquent and comprehensive address to the graduates. Miss Blanche Holly, teacher at Broadway High school, is sick, Mr. Williamson has remodeled his barber shop. Prof. A. D. Delaney left Sunday morning for Little Rock, Ark., to teach this summer. Decoration day was fittingly celebrated. Mr Foster, of Louisville, is in the city Miss Georgia A. Harris,, of Carrolton Ky., attended the commencement here Rev. N. L. Bray gave Bishop B W, Arnett a reception after commencement exercises. Prof. J. C. Allen and wife lett Saturday morning for Louisville, from there to New Albany. H F, Bray preached at North Madison Sunday afternoon and night. Miss Penn is visiting in the city. Rev, N L. Bray and son Harry are visiting in Cincinnati. Miss Ada Smith entertained Thursday evening Prof. J. C. Allen and wife, William Sims and H Bray.

Memorial Services.

Alton, Ill., Special.

To-morrow will occur the annual memorial services over Lovejoy. The G. A. R. Post and Sons of Veterans under command of W.H.Butler accompanied by a brass band from St. Louis will be present. Welcome address at the cemetery by George W. Cross, address Senator C. A. Herb, address W. A Ashton. Hunters concert band, colored republican club, U. B. F's. (white) Lovejoy Association and many others will march in a body to the cemetery. Many visitors from neighboring towns are to be in attendance.

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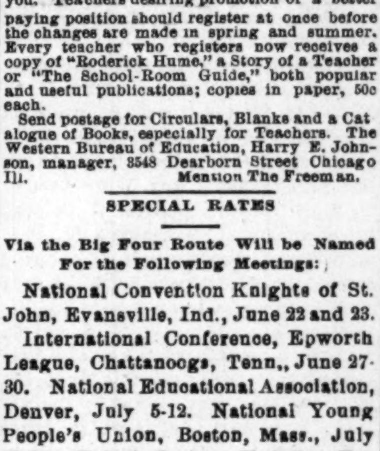

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But the people's anxiety and interest was not aroused until this charming girl appeared in bloomers. Since all classes have yielded to the flourishing bicycle fad; and since the aristocracy of every wealthy municipality can be seen mounted on pneumatics madly whirling through the streets. A tremendous social revolution has taken place in the past twenty-five years. Women who have been longing to fit themselves into trousers have found the way open and to the delight of many the tailor knows just how to take their measure without causing them to blush. There is going to be a wonderful improvement in the next generation of the quierteo sex, when fresh breezes and plenty of healthful action set roses abloom on cheeks and make dull eyes shine like stars.

It is good form now to do many things which five years ago the whole world would have condemned as radically wrong and improbable. The fact that the smart set has taken the bicycle craze with such gusto has set the seal of good form upon it, and women who scorned to look at a wheel three years ago are bound to ride now if it breaks their blessed necks. But to the story, you should have seen that Georgia girl: Lost; absolutely lost, in a pair of dark blue roomy bloomers; and that was not all—she had been converted into the very manly habit of wearing an open back and front shirt with a standing collar and a beautiful striped necktie. It was a beautiful day —she was the paragon of the new style. She was a first class representation of the 20th century girl and while the sun was shining brightly and the eastern breezes played upon her delicate cheeks, all nature was a poor creeping thing compared to this girl. She was proud—more than proud.

She was vain—vanity filled every part of her being. Oh! but the moment came when pride had to come down to the cold level of humilation from her exalted station. The dear girl was coasting down a hill, so the newspaper man tells us, when a stubbourn rock maliciously placed itself under her front wheel. She fell—fell hard. In fact, she fell so suddenly, and so hard, that she has never been able to realize when and where and how. When her inanimate form was taken from the dusty road she left but little trace of the sad accident. In a few days she was buried in the little grave yard near her Georgia home and the sympathizing newspaper man wrote the following and sent it to her parents:

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She went to meet death like a man."

Some Faults of the Race.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

While sitting and thinking of the present condition of the people in this community, and trying to reach out with my minds eye to see the things in which they now fail to elude for that is sure to injure in the future, no matter what may be his birth or position in life. A few I will name, love of pleasure, and love of money. There are some of our people who make pleasure the aim of their lives, and who seem to live for their own enjoyment. It is true I have just steped upon the mark of 3x7, but I believe that man was made for action, for duty, and usefulness and it is only when he lives in accordance with this great design of his being that he attains his highest dignity and truest happiness. A love of money which exerts a mighty and powerful influence over the children of men. When ever money becomes the dominant principal in any man's mind there is an end to all hope of ever attaining the true excellence of an intelligent moral being. Many of the people around here don't seem to think of anything but going in and out. They don't appreciate the great blessing that awaits at their door, that there stands in one mile of their cottage the educational center in said community, the State Normal school. But laziness has its hold on many and they are here with that old tune of a hundred years. "I am not able." I have no money. Let me ask you this. What do you want with money? Get yourself in readiness to make money. If you get education and get up money will fall in behind you. Wishing you an equal success.

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His Second Quarterly.

Galveston, Tex., Special.

Rev. I. O. Jones S. S. Supt. of the M. E. church was in the city Sunday, the 26th on his tour of inspection. Madam Rumor has it that Galveston will lose one of her Central High school teachers pretty soon. The city was crowded with strangers last week. The reunion at Houston of the U. C. V.—"Old Confeds" crying over what they lost and we gained some thirty years ago. God loves a brave heart, but pities a fool. Rev. Wm. Bartley P. E. of Houston District is holding his quarterly conferences at St. Paul and West Tabernacle M. E. church this week. He is very much liked by all his people and preaches in its district. Reedy Chapel A. M. E. and St, Paul M. E. churches had a race in their respective rallies last Sunday. Dr. J. H. Wilkins was elected to the National Republica League which meets at Cleveland, O, June 19th. The doctor anticipates a grand time, and may take Indianapolis on his trip. Many of our distinguished colored citizens went to Houston last week to attend the Colored Men's Conference. What they accomplished remains yet to be seen. We trust much good will come out of their efforts. Lawyer W. H. Smith recently of Greenville, Miss., has located with and is making a "good start."

Opposed to Colonization.

Santa Fe, N. M., Special.

Ex-Lieutenant H. O. Flipper, the first colored graduate at West Point, is in the city attending the U. S. court of private land claims, which convened here on the 14th inst. Lieutenant Flipper is an expert in Spanish land grants, and as such he is serving the government faithfully. In reply as to whether the Mexican colonization company was treating the new settlers as was stated through the associated press dispatches he does not believe them and thinks reports are very much exaggerated. He is opposed to colonization. Mrs. A. Alexander and and son have arrived from Los Vegas, and will spend the summer here. Mrs. W. J. Slaughter has been on the sick list for the past fortnight. W. H. Hen returned from Albuquerque Saturday from the annual spring races and is much elated ovor the showing that his favorite horse, Joe Baile made.

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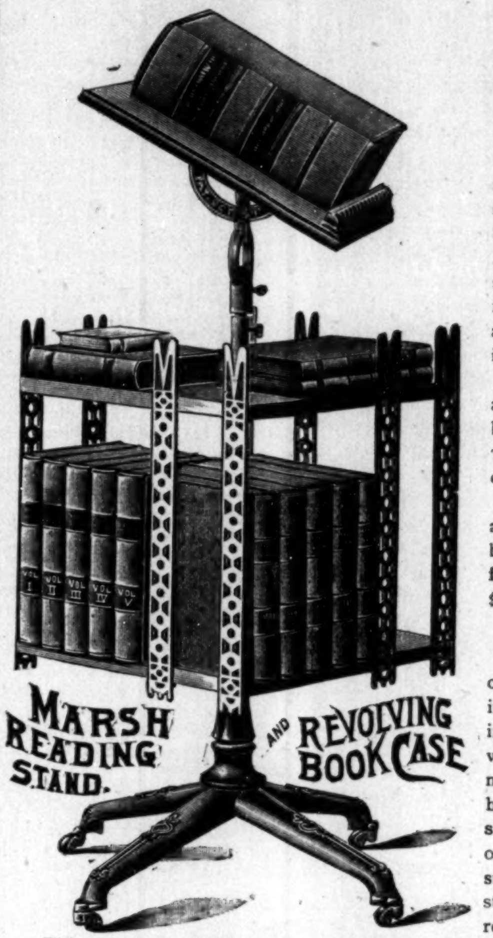

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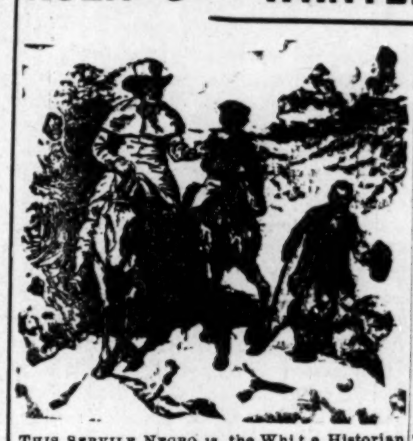

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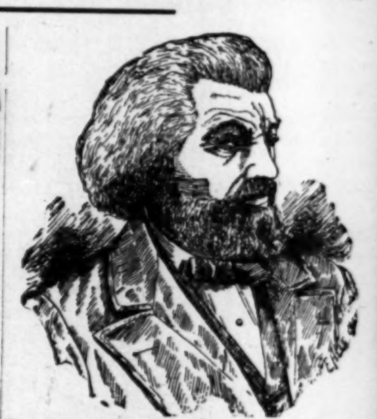

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Reviewed—Masterly Resume of the Life and Work

Of Frederick Douglass, From a Speech Delivered by Rev. F. Gary Galveston, Texas.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The life of Frederick Douglass is the life of a grand man, and is a profitable study for men of all races and coming generations.

His deeds were noble and his life work beyond estimation. He was not prompted by notions of selfishness, nor wrought up by a spirit of revenge; but filled with a deep sense of justice and love for humanity, he underwent hardships, bore the most severe criticisms, and defied dangers, and spent most of his life to better the condition of not only the Negro with whom his lot was cast; but also the white man to whom he was slightly related. It is said that man's environments tend to shape his course and fix his destiny. Therefore, in order to fully appreciate the greatness of Douglass, we must be acquainted with his early surroundings. He was at once an exception to the above rule, for with his mighty force of character and perseverance, he developed into a striking contrast to his immediate associates, and climbed the pedestal of true greatness, unaided and unencouraged.

I would not stir up strife, create prejudice, nor perpetuate enmity between the races, and therefore, do not refer to the memories of the past with any feelings of bitterness; for the day of bitterness should be lost sight of, in the dim distance behind us.

Born a slave, and at a time when the institution flourished like a green bay tree; surrounded by the most ignorant types of humanity. Douglass had nothing to inspire him with thoughts of a higher life; but the promptings of his own great soul. He was in the midst of degradation, ignorance, immorality, and oppression. He heard the keen crack of the overseer's whip, his coarse and brutal curses, and piteous cry of his victims. He know that all this was to crush down and subdue the spirit and pride of the Negro; and he felt that such a fate awaited him. Cut off from every source of intelligence; not allowed to think for himself; but simply a tool in the hands of an overseer who was his inferior and who was incapable of noble thoughts, it seems next to impossible that he should become a great man. But Douglass was born with all the elements of true greatness in him. He was not the product of the progress of the Negro race; but rather the contrasting product of conditions. He was a living example of what the Negro can be, and an irrefutable argument against the doctrine that the black man is incapable of reaching the highest planes of intellectual and moral fitness.

He was an indomitable spirit; and when he willed to do a thing, no human power seemed adequate to prevent him. Iron willed as he was, he moved against pending obstacles, carrying them before him like a great avalanche. No amount of hinderances discouraged him; he would never give over while contending for a righteous cause. Defeat stimulated him for the next onset, and dangers emboldened him for nobler and mighter efforts and deeds. He was persistent, and though beaten, bruised, kicked and cuffed, that proud and manly spirit would not down; but rising up in all its might and power, he dealt blow after blow upon his own chains, until the clank of the broken links started him with joy and he fled from the low lands of bondage to the hills of liberty. He hated oppression in any form from his childhood. He was restless under the yoke; it galled his neck and stirred up his inmost soul. The flogging of Esther, and the cruel beating of old Barney kindled a fire of freedom within him that burned until the day of his death.

As an orator, he had few equals during the nineteenth century and his superior was not found in Webster, Clay, Sumner, O'Connell, nor Alexander Stephens. He had the power to move men to laughter, to weep, and to act. He was when a slave, a pent up volcano of wit, logic, pathos, and humor, which in after years broke through the crust of oppression and caught the admiration of the civilized world. And little did Covey think when belaboring that back already filled with scars which his cruel hands had made, that he was beating upon his superior in every respect nor that he was fanning the fiery flames of smothered eloquence, which would one day command the attention and respect of the very nation under whose flag he had the privilege of inflicting the degrading punishment.

Mr. President, I do not desire to over estimate the man, nor to be extravagant in my assertions; but taking all things into consideration, Fred Douglass was one among the greatest men in the history of the world. Greatness was not thrust upon him; but achieved in the very teeth of the storm of opposition, and in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties. He was not great in that he subdued kingdoms, abolished empires, and established republics; but great because he conquered in the world of justice and right, and accomplished that which no other man ever did under like conditions. He was a contradiction of all past experiences, for no other slave ever rose from such depth and surroundings to such magnificent heights.

Mr. President, a great man is one who under equal circumstances and conditions, excels all others except the few who reach the highest possible degree of excellence in character, thoughts and deeds, and if we compare the conditions, and then the achievements of Douglass with those of other great men, to my mind he out did them all.

Lincoln was born poor, and worked his way to the topmost round of the ladder of human greatness and the highest position in the gift of the nation, but he had only two obstacles in his way; his poverty and his limited education.

Douglass was born poor and a slave, but the greatest obstacle which brought with it ten thousand others, was, he was born a Negro. Had it not been for this he would have stood at the head in this nation in influence and power if not in position. Men would forget that Lincoln was once poor, but they would never forget that Douglass was a Negro. But in spite of Douglass being a Negro, and in spite of every opposition and bitter prejudice, he defiantly made his way to the front, and took his place beside the other great men of the world. He was commensurate to every possible opportunity, and to say that he was not great, is to say that no other man was ever great. There was greatness in his very presence. His personal appearance was grand, inspiring, and commanding in the extreme. Back of this was the man of manhood; the Negro man who was carried on the shoulders of white men to the platform in Faneuil Hall in 1865 to make a speech on the fall of Richmond and who said: "I have made myself what I am, and that gives me authority to demand your attention." The Negro man whose advice was sought by President Lincoln and Secretary Station in the days of bloody war, and whose opinions have been respected by foe as well as friend, and who has done as much to shape the course of this great government as any other man outside the legislative halls during and since the war.

His work did not end with the Emancipation. He has given every possible year of his life to further the cause of freedom, and when the war was done he turned his influence and power towards making the Negro a citizen and a man, and he lived until his fondest hopes began to be realized. His advice to his people was always wholesome and full of cheer, and his thoughts on all the great issues that have confronted the American people for fifty years will stand the test for correctness with the thoughts of any other man. Some who are steeped in bitter prejudices, have essayed to snatch from his matchless crown of triumph every star of honor and achievement. The Houston Post says he was a great Negro; and great only by comparison.

Mr. President, no man is great except by comparison. If all the soldiers who ever went upon the battle field had been equal to Napoleon, Napoleon would not have been counted great; and if all the physicians had been equal to Sims, or all the orators equal to Webster neither of them would have been great. He was not only a great Negro, but a great man; and when we consider the opportunities and accomplishments of the great men, sir, it is on this principle of comparison exactly that we claim greatness for Douglass. His battles were not fought on fields of blood, but on the broad plane of thought. For fifty years he stood out like a light house on the shores of intellectual, political and moral attainments, unreached save by few; and though the light house has been blown down by the winds of death, the light shines on. He will never be forgotten. The historian of the future will write of him—his virtues, his love of right, and his hatred for wrong.

Mr. President, though dead he will ever live. This country may be deluged in blood, or torn asunder by anarchism, and upon the ruins of this magnificent Republic may arise a dozen petty kingdoms, and the very name of this government may pass from tht memory of man, and the Houston Post, for lack of much needed information, may sink in the depths of the sea of forgetfulness, but just so long as an American Negro is permitted to live on the face of the earth, the name and work of Frederick Douglass, the great Negro, orator, statesman, and diplomat will never be forgotten.

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THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY

Society of the A. M. E. Connection to Meet at Franklin Next Tuesday.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society for Indiana of the A. M. E. connection will convene in a two days session next Tuesday, June the 11th at Franklin, Ind. Miss Sadie Nichols of Marion is president, and Mrs. M. A. Teister of Crawfordsville secretary. Mrs. Emma Shepherd of this city has been selected to make the reply on behalf of the delegates present to the Mayor's welcome address. Mrs. Dr. W. L. Perry also of Indianapolis will deliver the annual address.

SCHOOL ELECTION TO-DAY.

It is hoped no colored voter of the 4th District will underestimate the importance of the election of Commissioner which takes place to-day. Mr. Chandler, the candidate seeking election against the present incumbent possesses all those qualities, which should entitle him to the confidenc and earnest support of every colored voter in the District, which we believe in the main will be given him. The colored people of this city have enjoyed for too many years, free untrammeled school privileges to permit themselves to be robbed of them, either through their own indifference or stupidity, or both, or the prejudice and concocted rascality of political enemies. Let each colored voter in this District resolve at all hazzards to cast his own vote for Mr. Chandler, and see to it that his neighbors does likewise, and there is no fear of the result.

Will Celebrate Emancipation.

Morgantown, W. Va., Special.

Dr. A. M. Jackson and wife, Messrs. Bud Blue, Robert Atkins, A. Hendricks, and Judge Ritchardson all spent Memorial Day at Uniontown, Pa. P. E. Riley preached Thursday at the M. E. church. Mr. James Lee and Miss Mary Tyler were married Wednesday evening at 9:30, by the Rev. Price (white.) J. C. Johnson was best man. A. J. Young and wife, daughter, Miss Lucy Smith is visiting friends at Clarksburg, W. Va. Mr. Robert Johnson, contractor of the new A. M. E. church has been sick for the past week. I. H. Hunt, caterer, will serve the banquet at the commencement of the W. V. U , on June the 10th. A M E. congregation will hold services in the school building until their new church is ready. Mr. John H. Pinkard, traveling agent and salesman for the Penn. Hair Dressing Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., who has been in our city establishing agencies left for Cumberland, Md. We are going to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation without fail. Watch for the date, and read the National Freeman for full account. Mrs. Eveline Garner of Cumberland City, Md., will visit her son and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. A. Chrom.

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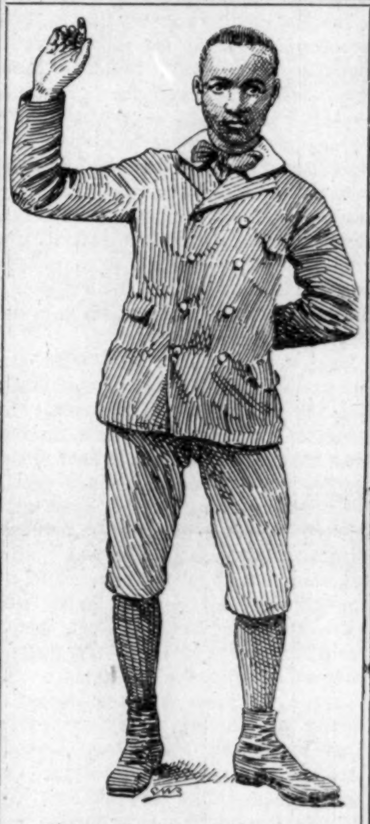

Rev. Charley Johnson.

The train on the I. D & W. railroad will leave the Union depot at 10 a. m. sharp. Returning, leave the park at 4:30 p. m., arriving in the city at 6:30 p. m. Remember, Homes' park is situated 70 miles from Indianapolis. According to promise, Rev. I. Toliver, D. D., of Texas, and Rev. Charley Johnson, the 14-year-old boy preacher, will preach during the day. Thousands will crowd the train and park to hear them.

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